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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a comprehensive waste reduction and
3 recycling plan; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; requiring
4 the Department of Environmental Protection to develop
5 a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan for
6 this state by a specified date, based on certain
7 department recommendations; requiring the department
8 to convene a technical assistance group for a
9 specified purpose; specifying minimum requirements for
10 the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to
11 submit a report to the Legislature upon completion of
12 the comprehensive plan; specifying requirements for
13 the report; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 403.7032,
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 403.7032 Recycling.—

20 (6) By July 1, 2025, the Department of Environmental
21 Protection shall develop a comprehensive waste reduction and
22 recycling plan for this state based on recommendations from the
23 department's "Florida and the 2020 75% Recycling Goal-Final
24 Report." The department shall convene a technical assistance
25 group within the department to help develop the plan.

26 (a) At a minimum, the comprehensive plan must do all of the
27 following:

28 1. Identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials
29 management and waste diversion.

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30 2. Include a 3-year plan to implement all of the following
31 strategies:

32 a. Recycling education and outreach. The department shall
33 propose statewide solutions to provide local recycling
34 information and education throughout this state.

35 b. Local government recycling assistance. The department
36 shall evaluate the benefits and challenges of the former state
37 Recycling and Education Grant Program and provide
38 recommendations for reinstating the program or considering other
39 means of providing recycling assistance to local governments.

40 c. Recycling materials market development. The department
41 shall consider and recommend plans to develop and promote
42 markets for recycling materials.

43 (b) Upon completion of the comprehensive waste reduction
44 and recycling plan, the department shall provide a report to the
45 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
46 Representatives. The report must include an update on the status
47 of the plan and any recommendations for statutory changes
48 necessary to achieve the recycling goals or strategies
49 identified in the plan.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.