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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 the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to 10 11 submit a report to the Legislature upon completion of 12 the comprehensive plan; specifying requirements for 13 the report; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 Subsection (6) is added to section 403.7032, 17 Section 1. 18 Florida Statutes, to read: 19 403.7032 Recycling.-20 By July 1, 2025, the Department of Environmental (6) 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.

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26 (a) At a minimum, the comprehensive plan must do all of 27 the following: 28 1. Identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials 29 management and waste diversion. 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. Page 2 of 2

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