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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section  
255.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

255.065 Public-private partnerships.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(i) "Qualifying project" means:

1. A facility or project that serves a public purpose,



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11 including, but not limited to, any ferry or mass transit  
12 facility, vehicle parking facility, airport or seaport facility,  
13 rail facility or project, fuel supply facility, oil or gas  
14 pipeline, medical or nursing care facility, recreational  
15 facility, sporting or cultural facility, or educational facility  
16 or other building or facility that is used or will be used by a  
17 public educational institution, or any other public facility or  
18 infrastructure that is used or will be used by the public at  
19 large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity;

20 2. An improvement, including equipment, of a building that  
21 will be principally used by a public entity or the public at  
22 large or that supports a service delivery system in the public  
23 sector;

24 3. A water, wastewater, or surface water management  
25 facility or other related infrastructure;

26 4. A coastal resiliency project as defined in s. 380.0934;  
27 or

28 5.4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for  
29 projects that involve a facility owned or operated by the  
30 governing board of a county, district, or municipal hospital or  
31 health care system, or projects that involve a facility owned or  
32 operated by a municipal electric utility, only those projects  
33 that the governing board designates as qualifying projects  
34 pursuant to this section.

35 Section 2. Section 380.0934, Florida Statutes, is created  
36 to read:

37 380.0934 Public-private partnerships for coastal resiliency  
38 projects.—

39 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:



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- 40        (a) "Coastal resiliency project" means:
- 41        1. The planning, contracting, and execution of a project to
- 42 address flooding and sea level rise in a coastal or inland
- 43 community in this state pursuant to s. 380.093(5);
- 44        2. Public infrastructure repair and upgrades to seawalls
- 45 and stormwater drainage; and
- 46        3. Resiliency measures designed to withstand extreme
- 47 weather, mitigate flooding, and prevent coastal erosion,
- 48 including:
- 49        a. Acquisition of at-risk coastal and flood-prone
- 50 properties;
- 51        b. Acquisition of properties in areas at high risk of
- 52 flooding;
- 53        c. Infrastructure hardening and development of natural
- 54 barriers;
- 55        d. Construction of large-scale seawalls, levees, and
- 56 elevated flood barriers; or
- 57        e. Expansion and restoration of natural protective systems.
- 58        (b) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
- 59 Protection.
- 60        (c) "Public-private partnership" means a coastal resiliency
- 61 project entered into by the department under s. 255.065.
- 62        (2) The department shall have the exclusive authority to
- 63 execute coastal resiliency projects through public-private
- 64 partnerships under s. 255.065.
- 65        (3) To encourage investment from the private sector in
- 66 coastal resiliency projects, the department may:
- 67        (a) Enter into long-term revenue-sharing agreements.
- 68        (b) Provide expedited permitting for construction.



69       (c) Seek comments from local governments and the public  
70 during project planning and execution and incorporate actions  
71 responsive to such comments into the project.

72       (d) Engage in-state vocational schools and apprenticeship  
73 programs to train workers in specialized resiliency  
74 construction.

75       (4) The department shall publish biennial progress reports  
76 for each coastal resiliency project funded through a public-  
77 private partnership, including project milestones, expenditures,  
78 and public benefits, on the department's website. The department  
79 shall also create and maintain on its website an online  
80 dashboard for real-time updates on project execution.

81       Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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83 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

84 And the title is amended as follows:

85       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
86 and insert:

87                       A bill to be entitled  
88       An act relating to infrastructure and resiliency;  
89       amending s. 255.065, F.S.; revising the definition of  
90       the term "qualifying project"; creating s. 380.0934,  
91       F.S.; defining terms; granting the Department of  
92       Environmental Protection the exclusive authority to  
93       execute coastal resiliency projects through public-  
94       private partnerships; authorizing the department to  
95       take certain actions to encourage investment from the  
96       private sector in coastal resiliency projects;  
97       requiring the department to publish certain



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information on its website; providing an effective  
date.