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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to resilience planning; creating s.  
3           380.0934, F.S.; creating the Florida Master P3  
4           Infrastructure Authority for a specified purpose;  
5           providing goals for the authority; providing the terms  
6           of membership of the authority; requiring members to  
7           serve without compensation but be reimbursed for  
8           certain expenses; requiring the authority to appoint  
9           an executive director, establish rules, meet a certain  
10          number of times per year, and elect specified  
11          officers; providing for the composition of the  
12          authority; providing requirements for the authority;  
13          requiring that all projects submitted for inclusion in  
14          the Statewide Flooding Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan  
15          must have a 5-year implementation timeline; providing  
16          an effective date.

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

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20           Section 1. Section 380.0934, Florida Statutes, is created  
21 to read:

22           380.0934 Florida Master P3 Infrastructure Authority.-

23           (1) (a) There is created within the Department of  
24 Environmental Protection the Florida Master P3 Infrastructure  
25 Authority to oversee the planning, contracting, and execution of  
26 projects that address flooding and sea level rise to coastal and  
27 inland communities in this state pursuant to s. 380.093(5). The  
28 goals of the Florida Master P3 Infrastructure Authority are to:

29           1. Manage all such projects eligible for inclusion in the

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30 planning and coordination between state agencies, local  
31 governments, and private sector partners seeking to invest in  
32 such projects.

33 2. Create a unified statewide approach for funding,  
34 developing, and maintaining such projects, in collaboration with  
35 private sector partners.

36 (b) The Florida Master P3 Infrastructure Authority members  
37 shall initially be appointed for a term of 4 years. Thereafter,  
38 each member shall be appointed for a term of 4 years from the  
39 date of appointment, except that a vacancy must be filled by  
40 appointment for the remainder of the term. The members of the  
41 authority shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
42 reimbursed for all necessary expenses in the performance of  
43 their duties, including travel expenses, in accordance with s.  
44 112.061. The authority shall appoint an executive director,  
45 establish rules of procedure for conducting its meetings, meet  
46 at least semiannually, and elect a chair, a vice chair, and a  
47 secretary for 1-year terms. The authority shall be composed of  
48 the following six members:

49 1. One representative from the Department of  
50 Transportation, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.

51 2. One representative from the department, appointed by the  
52 Secretary of Environmental Protection.

53 3. One representative from the Division of Emergency  
54 Management, appointed by the director of the Division of  
55 Emergency Management.

56 4. The Chief Resilience Officer.

57 5. The Chief Scientist.

58 6. One industry expert in banking and investment for large

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59 scale infrastructure projects, appointed by the secretary of the  
60 department.

61 (c) The Florida Master P3 Infrastructure Authority shall:

62 1. Acquire at-risk coastal and flood-prone properties for  
63 projects that address flooding and sea level rise to coastal and  
64 inland communities in this state pursuant to s. 380.093(5) using  
65 measures including, but not limited to, property buyout programs  
66 for voluntary relocation in high-risk zones.

67 2. Induce investments from the private sector for such  
68 projects by offering incentives, including, but not limited to:

69 a. Long-term revenue-sharing agreements, such as toll  
70 collection, lease arrangements, or energy savings.

71 b. Tax credits.

72 c. Expedited permitting for construction necessary for such  
73 projects.

74 3. Engage local governments, community leaders, and  
75 residents during the project planning and execution phases and  
76 incorporate their feedback in the project.

77 4. Partner with in-state vocational schools and  
78 apprenticeship programs to train workers in specialized  
79 resiliency construction.

80 5. Publish biannual progress reports, including project  
81 milestones, expenditures, and public benefits on the  
82 department's website. The authority shall also create an online  
83 dashboard for real-time updates on project execution.

84 6. Employ an independent certified accounting firm to audit  
85 funds, accounts, and financial records for the projects.

86 7. Implement penalties for noncompliance or mismanagement  
87 of resources.

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88       (d) The department may provide administrative and staff  
89 support services relating to the meetings of the authority.

90       (2) Notwithstanding an extension from the department, all  
91 projects that address flooding and sea level rise to coastal and  
92 inland communities in this state pursuant to s. 380.093(5) must  
93 have a 5-year implementation timeline to ensure timely  
94 completion.

95       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.