

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.;  
 4           authorizing certain private businesses to participate  
 5           in a program to annually report the amount of  
 6           materials they recycle, using a specified form;  
 7           requiring the Department of Environmental Protection  
 8           to develop a comprehensive waste reduction and  
 9           recycling plan by a specified date, based on certain  
 10          department recommendations; specifying minimum  
 11          requirements for the comprehensive plan; requiring the  
 12          department to publish a report; specifying  
 13          requirements for the report; providing an effective  
 14          date.

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

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 18           **Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 403.7032, Florida**  
 19 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that**  
 20 **section, to read:**

21           403.7032 Recycling.—

22           (3) Each state agency, public institution of higher  
 23           learning, community college, and state university, including all  
 24           buildings that are occupied by municipal, county, or state  
 25           employees and entities occupying buildings managed by the

26 Department of Management Services, must, at a minimum, annually  
27 report all recycled materials to the county using the  
28 department's designated reporting format. Private businesses,  
29 other than certified recovered materials dealers, that recycle  
30 paper, metals, glass, plastics, textiles, rubber materials, and  
31 mulch may participate in the program in subsection (6) to  
32 annually report to the county the amount of materials that the  
33 businesses recycle, are encouraged to report the amount of  
34 materials they recycle to the county annually beginning January  
35 1, 2011, using the department's designated reporting format.  
36 Using the information provided, the department shall recognize  
37 those private businesses that demonstrate outstanding recycling  
38 efforts. Notwithstanding any other provision of state or county  
39 law, private businesses, other than certified recovered  
40 materials dealers, shall not be required to report recycling  
41 rates. Cities with less than a population of 2,500 and per  
42 capita taxable value less than \$48,000 and cities with a per  
43 capita taxable value less than \$30,000 are exempt from the  
44 reporting requirement specified in this subsection.

45 (6) By July 1, 2026, the department shall develop and  
46 implement a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan  
47 based on recommendations from the department's "Florida and the  
48 2020 75% Recycling Goal-Final Report."

49 (a) At a minimum, the comprehensive plan must:

50 1. Identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials

51 management and waste diversion.

52 2. Establish a program to incentivize private businesses  
53 to recycle using the following guidelines:

54 a. Private businesses shall receive 1 year off of a  
55 licensing fee specific to their business for a 15 percent  
56 increase in their recycling rate.

57 b. Private businesses with an 80 percent recycling rate or  
58 higher shall receive 2 years off of a licensing fee specific to  
59 their business.

60 c. Private businesses shall be encouraged to post a list  
61 of all recyclable materials within close proximity of each  
62 recycling bin at the private business.

63 d. Private businesses shall be notified and educated about  
64 the program to give all private businesses a fair opportunity.

65 (b) Upon implementation of the comprehensive waste  
66 reduction and recycling plan, the department shall publish a  
67 list of all private businesses who have received an incentive  
68 from the program.

69 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.