

By Senator Berman

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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 create and convene a technical assistance group for
9 a specified purpose; specifying minimum requirements
10 for the comprehensive plan; requiring the department
11 to submit a report to the Legislature upon completion
12 of 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, 2026, the Department of Environmental
21 Protection shall develop a comprehensive waste reduction and
22 recycling plan for this state based on the recommendations
23 contained in the department's "Florida and the 2020 75%
24 Recycling Goal, Final Report." The department shall create and
25 convene a technical assistance group to assist in the
26 development of the plan.

27 (a) At a minimum, the plan must do all of the 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 consider other
39 means of providing recycling assistance to local governments.

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

43 (b) Upon completion of the plan, the department shall
44 provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
45 of the House of Representatives, which must include
46 recommendations for statutory changes necessary to achieve the
47 recycling goals and strategies identified in the plan.

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