$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Senators Truenow and Brodeur

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to brownfields; amending s. 376.303,
3	F.S.; deleting a provision requiring certain property
4	owners to provide information regarding institutional
5	controls to the local government for mapping purposes;
6	deleting local government requirements for such
7	mapping; requiring that sites issued a site
8	rehabilitation completion order without institutional
9	controls be removed from the registry of all
10	contaminated sites located in a brownfield area;
11	amending s. 376.30781, F.S.; revising the conditions
12	under which an applicant who has rehabilitated a
13	contaminated site may submit and claim certain tax
14	credits; specifying a timeframe within which such tax
15	credit application must be submitted; revising the
16	criteria for determining applicants who are
17	redeveloping brownfield sites who may be eligible for
18	certain tax credits; deleting the definition of the
19	term "monetary compensation"; revising the date by
20	which the Department of Environmental Protection must
21	issue annual site rehabilitation tax credit
22	certificate awards; revising the amount of time the
23	department has to respond to a tax credit applicant
24	regarding a certain notice; amending s. 376.78, F.S.;
25	conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
26	amending s. 376.79, F.S.; revising definitions,
27	defining the terms "brownfield" and "brownfield site";
28	amending s. 376.81, F.S.; providing legislative
29	findings; prohibiting the department or a delegated

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30	local pollution control program from denying a
31	specified status or refusing to issue a specified
32	order for certain brownfield sites that are only a
33	portion of larger contaminated sites; providing
34	applicability; amending s. 376.82, F.S.; revising the
35	persons and sites eligible for participation in the
36	brownfield program; revising requirements for such
37	participation; requiring that completion of the
38	performance of remediation obligations at the
39	brownfield site be evidenced by a site rehabilitation
40	completion order; revising the information necessary
41	from the United States Environmental Protection Agency
42	and the department for a person's participation in the
43	program; specifying that certain brownfield sites are
44	eligible to participate in the brownfield program
45	under certain circumstances; amending ss. 196.1995 and
46	288.1175, F.S.; conforming cross-references;
47	reenacting s. 1004.53(1), F.S., relating to the Center
48	for Brownfield Rehabilitation Assistance, to
49	incorporate the amendment made to s. 376.79, F.S., in
50	a reference thereto; providing an effective date.
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52	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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54	Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 376.303,
55	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
56	376.303 Powers and duties of the Department of
57	Environmental Protection
58	(5) MAPPINGIf an institutional control is implemented at
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59 any contaminated site in a brownfield area designated pursuant 60 to s. 376.80, the property owner must provide information regarding the institutional control to the local government for 61 62 mapping purposes. The local government must then note the 63 existence of the institutional control on any relevant local 64 land use and zoning maps with a cross-reference to the 65 department's site registry developed pursuant to subsection (6). 66 If the type of institutional control used requires recording 67 with the local government, then the map notation shall also provide a cross-reference to the book and page number where 68 69 recorded. When a local government is provided with evidence that 70 the department has subsequently issued a no further action order 71 without institutional controls for a site currently noted on 72 such maps, the local government shall remove the notation.

73 (6) REGISTRY.-The department shall prepare and maintain a 74 registry of all contaminated sites located in a brownfield area 75 designated pursuant to s. 376.80, which are subject to 76 institutional and engineering controls, in order to provide a 77 mechanism for the public and local governments to monitor the 78 status of these controls, monitor the department's short-term 79 and long-term protection of human health and the environment in 80 relation to these sites, and evaluate economic revitalization efforts in these areas. At a minimum, the registry must shall 81 82 include the type of institutional or engineering controls 83 employed at a particular site, types of contaminants and affected media, land use limitations, and the county in which 84 85 the site is located. Sites listed on the registry at which the 86 department has subsequently issued a site rehabilitation 87 completion no further action order without institutional

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88	controls must shall be removed from the registry. The department
89	shall make the registry available to the public and local
90	governments within 1 year after the effective date of this act.
91	The department shall provide local governments with actual
92	notice when the registry becomes available. Local zoning and
93	planning offices shall post information on how to access the
94	registry in public view.
95	Section 2. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (3)
96	and subsection (9) of section 376.30781, Florida Statutes, are
97	amended to read:
98	376.30781 Tax credits for rehabilitation of drycleaning-
99	solvent-contaminated sites and brownfield sites in designated
100	brownfield areas; application process; rulemaking authority;
101	revocation authority
102	(3)
103	(c) In order to encourage completion of site rehabilitation
104	at contaminated sites that are being voluntarily cleaned up and
105	that are eligible for a tax credit under this section, the tax
106	credit applicant may claim an additional 25 percent of the total
107	site rehabilitation costs, not to exceed \$500,000, if the
108	Department of Environmental Protection has approved the
109	applicant's annual site rehabilitation application and has
110	issued a site rehabilitation completion in the final year of
111	cleanup as evidenced by the Department of Environmental
112	Protection issuing a "No Further Action" order for that site.
113	The tax credit applicant must submit the claim for the
114	additional 25 percent within 2 years after receipt of the site
115	rehabilitation completion order for that site.
116	(d) In order to encourage the construction of housing that

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 117 meets the definition of affordable provided in s. 420.0004, an 118 applicant for the tax credit may claim an additional 25 percent 119 of the total site rehabilitation costs that are eligible for tax 120 credits under this section, not to exceed \$500,000. To receive 121 this additional tax credit, the applicant must provide a 122 certification letter from the Florida Housing Finance 123 Corporation, the local housing authority, or other governmental 124 agency that is a party to the use agreement indicating that the 125 construction on the brownfield site has received a certificate 126 of occupancy and the brownfield site has a properly recorded 127 instrument that limits the use of the property to housing. 128 Notwithstanding that only one application may be submitted each 129 year for each site, an application for the additional credit 130 provided for in this paragraph must shall be submitted after all 131 requirements to obtain the additional tax credit have been met. 132 In order to encourage the redevelopment of a brownfield (e) 133 site, as defined in the brownfield site rehabilitation 134 agreement, that is hindered by the presence of solid waste, as 135 defined in s. 403.703, costs related to solid waste removal may 136 also be claimed under this section. A tax credit applicant, or

137 multiple tax credit applicants working jointly to clean up a 138 single brownfield site, may also claim costs to address the 139 solid waste removal as defined in this paragraph in accordance 140 with department rules. Multiple tax credit applicants shall be 141 granted tax credits in the same proportion as each applicant's contribution to payment of solid waste removal costs. These 142 143 costs are eligible for a tax credit provided that the applicant 144 meets the eligibility requirements of s. 376.82(1) and that submits an affidavit stating that, after consultation with 145

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 146 appropriate local government officials and the department, to 147 the best of the applicant's knowledge based upon such consultation and available historical records, the brownfield 148 149 site was never operated as a permitted solid waste disposal area 150 as regulated pursuant to s. 403.704 or was never operated for 151 monetary compensation, and the applicant submits all other 152 documentation and certifications required by this section. In 153 this section, where reference is made to "site rehabilitation," 154 the department shall instead consider whether the costs claimed 155 are for solid waste removal. Tax credit applications claiming 156 costs pursuant to this paragraph are shall not be subject to the 157 calendar-year limitation and January 31 annual application 158 deadline, and the department shall accept a one-time application 159 filed subsequent to the completion by the tax credit applicant 160 of the applicable requirements listed in this subsection. A tax 161 credit applicant may claim 50 percent of the costs for solid 162 waste removal, not to exceed \$500,000, after the applicant has 163 determined solid waste removal is completed for the brownfield 164 site. A solid waste removal tax credit application may be filed 165 only once per brownfield site. For the purposes of this section, 166 the term:

167 1. "Solid waste disposal area" means a landfill, dump, or168 other area where solid waste has been disposed.

169 2. "Monetary compensation" means the fees that were charged 170 or the assessments that were levied for the disposal of solid 171 waste at a solid waste disposal area.

172 3. "Solid waste removal" means removal of solid waste from 173 the land surface or excavation of solid waste from below the 174 land surface and removal of the solid waste from the brownfield

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 175 site. The term also includes: 176 a. Transportation of solid waste to a licensed or exempt 177 solid waste management facility or to a temporary storage area. 178 b. Sorting or screening of solid waste prior to removal 179 from the site. 180 c. Deposition of solid waste at a permitted or exempt solid 181 waste management facility, whether the solid waste is disposed 182 of or recycled. 183 (9) On or before June May 1, the Department of 184 Environmental Protection shall inform each tax credit applicant 185 that is subject to the January 31 annual application deadline of 186 the applicant's eligibility status and the amount of any tax 187 credit due. The department shall provide each eligible tax 188 credit applicant with a tax credit certificate that must be 189 submitted with its tax return to the Department of Revenue to 190 claim the tax credit or be transferred pursuant to s. 191 220.1845(2)(q). The June May 1 deadline for annual site 192 rehabilitation tax credit certificate awards does shall not 193 apply to any tax credit application for which the department has 194 issued a notice of deficiency pursuant to subsection (8). The 195 department shall respond within 120 90 days after receiving a 196 response from the tax credit applicant to such a notice of 197 deficiency. Credits may not result in the payment of refunds if 198 total credits exceed the amount of tax owed. Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 376.78, Florida 199 200 Statutes, is amended to read: 201 376.78 Legislative intent.-The Legislature finds and 202 declares the following: 203 (1) The reduction of public health and environmental

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(6) "Brownfield site" means the real property identified in

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 233 a brownfield site rehabilitation agreement executed by the 234 person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation of the 235 property and the department or a delegated local pollution 236 control program, as applicable. 237 Section 5. Present subsection (3) of section 376.81, 238 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), a new 239 subsection (3) is added to that section, and present subsection 240 (3) of that section is amended, to read: 241 376.81 Brownfield site and brownfield areas contamination 242 cleanup criteria.-(3) (a) The Legislature finds that rehabilitation and 243 244 redevelopment of a potential brownfield site that is a portion 245 of a larger contaminated site are significantly complicated when multiple parties may own, lease, or operate different portions 246 of the contaminated site. The Legislature further finds that 247 248 delaying a person's ability to achieve a "No Further Action" 249 status for a potential brownfield site until such time as the 250 owners, lessees, or operators of all other portions of the 251 larger historical contaminated site have completed site 252 rehabilitation on their respective portions is not in the public 253 interest, as such delay disincentivizes rehabilitation and 254 redevelopment of the potential brownfield site by imposing 255 unnecessary legal burdens, technical obstacles, and financial 256 costs. 257 (b) Therefore, the Legislature finds that it is in the 258 public interest to remove any such barriers to the 259 rehabilitation and redevelopment of property by providing a 260 clear path to obtaining a "No Further Action" status in cases 261 where a potential brownfield site is only a portion of a larger

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 262 contaminated site. 263 (c) If the person responsible for a brownfield site rehabilitation demonstrates compliance with the applicable 264 265 contamination cleanup criteria described in subsection (1), and 266 the brownfield site is only a portion of a larger contaminated 267 site, the department or any delegated local pollution control 268 program under s. 376.80(9) may not: 269 1. Deny a "No Further Action" status for the brownfield 270 site; or 271 2. Refuse to issue a site rehabilitation completion order 272 for the brownfield site, regardless of whether it has 273 engineering and institutional controls. This subparagraph applies even where similar contamination exists elsewhere on the 274 275 contaminated site which was the result of similar or related 276 activities or operations that occurred both on the contaminated 277 site and the brownfield site, provided that all soil and 278 groundwater contamination emanating from the brownfield site is 279 adequately addressed pursuant to chapter 62-780, Florida 280 Administrative Code. 281 (d) This subsection applies to all brownfield sites, 282 irrespective of the effective date of the brownfield site 283 rehabilitation agreement. 284 (4) (3) The cleanup criteria described in this section 285 govern only site rehabilitation activities occurring at the 286 brownfield contaminated site. Removal of contaminated media from 287 a site for offsite relocation or treatment must be in accordance 288 with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and 289 regulations.

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Section 6. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) and

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291	paragraphs (e) and (g) of subsection (2) of section 376.82,
292	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
293	376.82 Eligibility criteria and liability protection
294	(1) ELIGIBILITY
295	(a) All of the following persons are eligible to
296	participate in the brownfield program established in ss. 376.77-
297	<u>376.85:</u>
298	1. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., a any person who has
299	not caused or contributed to the contamination of a brownfield
300	site on or after July 1, 1997 <u>.</u>
301	2. A local governmental entity, including any other person
302	who may be organized or united with the local governmental
303	entity for a business purpose, if such entity or person did not
304	cause or contribute to the contamination of a brownfield site on
305	or after July 1, 2025.
306	(b) A person eligible to participate in the brownfield
307	program pursuant to paragraph (a) is , is eligible to participate
308	in the brownfield program established in ss. 376.77-376.85,
309	subject to the following:
310	1.(a) Potential brownfield sites that are subject to an
311	ongoing formal judicial or administrative enforcement action or
312	corrective action pursuant to federal authority, including, but
313	not limited to, the Comprehensive Environmental Response
314	Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 9601 et seq., as
315	amended; the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 300f-300i,
316	as amended; the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251-1387, as
317	amended; or under an order from the United States Environmental
318	Protection Agency pursuant to s. 3008(h) of the Resource
319	Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (42 U.S.C.A. s.
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592-02300-25 2025736c1 320 6928(h)); or that have obtained or are required to obtain a 321 permit for the operation of a hazardous waste treatment, 322 storage, or disposal facility; a post-closure postclosure 323 permit; or a permit pursuant to the federal Hazardous and Solid 324 Waste Amendments of 1984, are not eligible for participation in 325 the brownfield program established in ss. 376.77-376.85 unless, 326 pursuant to paragraph (2)(g), specific exemptions are secured by 327 a memorandum of agreement with the United States Environmental 328 Protection Agency issues a letter stating it has no objection to 329 such participation and the department issues a letter of 330 concurrence pursuant to paragraph (2)(g). A brownfield site 331 within an eligible brownfield area that subsequently becomes 332 subject to formal judicial or administrative enforcement action 333 or corrective action under such federal authority shall have its 334 eligibility revoked unless, specific exemptions are secured by a 335 memorandum of agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to paragraph (2)(g), the United 336 337 States Environmental Protection Agency issues a letter stating 338 it has no objection to such participation and the department 339 issues a letter of concurrence. 340 2.(b) A person who is eligible to participate in the

341 brownfield program pursuant to paragraph (a) Persons who have not caused or contributed to the contamination of a brownfield 342 site on or after July 1, 1997, and who, before prior to the 343 department's approval of a brownfield site rehabilitation 344 agreement, is are subject to ongoing corrective action or 345 346 enforcement under state authority established in this chapter or 347 chapter 403, including those persons subject to a pending consent order with the state, is are eligible for participation 348

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 349 in a brownfield site rehabilitation agreement if: 350 a.1. The proposed brownfield site is currently idle or 351 underutilized as a result of the contamination, and 352 participation in the brownfield program will immediately, after 353 cleanup or sooner, result in increased economic productivity at 354 the site, including at a minimum the creation of 10 new 355 permanent jobs, whether full-time or part-time, which are not 356 associated with implementation of the brownfield site 357 rehabilitation agreement. However, the job creation requirement 358 does not apply to the rehabilitation and redevelopment of a 359 brownfield site that will provide housing that is affordable as 360 defined in s. 420.0004; create recreational areas, conservation 361 areas, or parks; or be maintained for cultural or historical 362 preservation purposes; and

363 <u>b.2</u>. The person is complying in good faith with the terms 364 of an existing consent order or department-approved corrective 365 action plan, or responding in good faith to an enforcement 366 action, as evidenced by a determination issued by the department 367 or an approved local pollution control program.

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(2) LIABILITY PROTECTION.-

369 (e) Completion of the performance of the remediation 370 obligations at the brownfield site shall be evidenced by a site 371 rehabilitation completion order letter or a "no further action" 372 letter issued by the department or the approved local pollution 373 control program, which letter shall include the following 374 statement: "Based upon the information provided by (property 375 owner) concerning property located at (address), it is the 376 opinion of (the Florida Department of Environmental Protection 377 or approved local pollution control program) that (party) has

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378	successfully and satisfactorily implemented the approved
379	brownfield site rehabilitation agreement schedule and,
380	accordingly, no further action is required to assure that any
381	land use identified in the brownfield site rehabilitation
382	agreement is consistent with existing and proposed uses."
383	(g) <u>1.</u> The Legislature recognizes <u>the benefits of promoting</u>
384	the reuse of brownfield sites, even when subject to its
385	limitations in addressing cleanup liability under federal
386	pollution control programs, including those enumerated in
387	subparagraph (1)(b)1. In an effort to encourage such reuse
388	secure federal liability protection for persons willing to
389	undertake remediation responsibility <u>for site rehabilitation</u> at
390	a brownfield site, the department may, upon receipt of a letter
391	from shall attempt to negotiate a memorandum of agreement or
392	similar document with the United States Environmental Protection
393	Agency stating it has no objection to a site's participation
394	pursuant to subparagraph (1)(b)1. and upon a reasonable
395	demonstration by the person seeking to participate in the
396	brownfield program that he or she will conduct site
397	rehabilitation pursuant to s. 376.81, issue a letter of no
398	objection that states the person may participate in the
399	brownfield program. The department may not require, as a
400	condition of such letter of concurrence, that, whereby the
401	United States Environmental Protection Agency <u>agree</u> agrees to
402	forego enforcement of federal corrective action authority at
403	brownfield sites that have received a site rehabilitation
404	completion <u>order</u> or "No Further Action" determination from the
405	department or the approved local pollution control program or
406	that are in the process of implementing a brownfield site

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407	rehabilitation agreement in accordance with this act. The
408	letters of concurrence from the United States Environmental
409	Protection Agency and the department must be added as
410	attachments to the brownfield site rehabilitation agreement.
411	2. Proposed brownfield sites that are subject to ongoing
412	formal judicial or administrative enforcement action or
413	corrective action pursuant to an order from the United States
414	Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to s. 3008(h) of the
415	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended by 42 U.S.C.
416	s. 6928(h), or that have obtained or are required to obtain a
417	permit for the operation of a hazardous waste treatment,
418	storage, or disposal facility, a post-closure permit, or a
419	permit pursuant to the federal Hazardous and Solid Waste
420	Amendments of 1984 are eligible for participation in the
421	brownfield program established in ss. 376.77-376.85, provided
422	that the sites:
423	a. Obtain the necessary letters of concurrence pursuant to
424	paragraph (1)(b) and subparagraph 1.; or
425	b. Comply with the provisions of Section V of the
426	Memorandum of Agreement between the department and the United
427	States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 covering
428	Florida's Brownfield Program, dated November 28, 2005, as may be
429	amended.
430	Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 196.1995, Florida
431	Statutes, is amended to read:
432	196.1995 Economic development ad valorem tax exemption
433	(3) The board of county commissioners or the governing
434	authority of the municipality that calls a referendum within its
435	total jurisdiction to determine whether its respective
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592-02300-25 2025736c1 436 jurisdiction may grant economic development ad valorem tax 437 exemptions may vote to limit the effect of the referendum to 438 authority to grant economic development tax exemptions for new 439 businesses and expansions of existing businesses located in an 440 enterprise zone or a brownfield area, as defined in s. 376.79 s. 441 376.79(5). If an area nominated to be an enterprise zone 442 pursuant to s. 290.0055 has not yet been designated pursuant to 443 s. 290.0065, the board of county commissioners or the governing 444 authority of the municipality may call such referendum prior to such designation; however, the authority to grant economic 445 446 development ad valorem tax exemptions does not apply until such 447 area is designated pursuant to s. 290.0065. The ballot question 448 in such referendum shall be in substantially the following form 449 and shall be used in lieu of the ballot question prescribed in subsection (2): 450 451 452 Shall the board of county commissioners of this county 453 (or the governing authority of this municipality, or 454 both) be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. 455 VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions 456 for new businesses and expansions of existing 457 businesses that are located in an enterprise zone or a 458 brownfield area and that are expected to create new, 459 full-time jobs in the county (or municipality, or 460 both)? 461 462Yes-For authority to grant exemptions. 463No-Against authority to grant exemptions. 464

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592-02300-25 2025736c1 465 Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 466 288.1175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 467 288.1175 Agriculture education and promotion facility.-468 The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (5) 469 shall competitively evaluate applications for funding of an 470 agriculture education and promotion facility. If the number of 471 applicants exceeds three, the Department of Agriculture and 472 Consumer Services shall rank the applications based upon criteria developed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 473 474 Services, with priority given in descending order to the following items: 475 476 (c) The location of the facility in a brownfield site as 477 defined in s. 376.79 s. 376.79(4), a rural enterprise zone as 478 defined in s. 290.004, an agriculturally depressed area as defined in s. 570.74, or a county that has lost its agricultural 479 480 land to environmental restoration projects. 481 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 482 made by this act to section 376.79, Florida Statutes, in a 483 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 1004.53, Florida 484 Statutes, is reenacted to read: 485 1004.53 Interdisciplinary Center for Brownfield 486 Rehabilitation Assistance.-The Center for Brownfield 487 Rehabilitation Assistance in the Environmental Sciences and 488 Policy Program is established in the College of Arts and 489 Sciences at the University of South Florida with the 490 collaboration of other related disciplines such as business 491 administration, environmental science, and medicine. The center 492 shall work in conjunction with other state universities. The 493 Center for Brownfield Rehabilitation Assistance shall:

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494	(1) Conduct research relating to problems and solutions
495	associated with rehabilitation and restoration of brownfield
496	areas as defined in s. 376.79. The research must include
497	identifying innovative solutions to removing contamination from
498	brownfield sites to reduce the threats to drinking water
499	supplies and other potential public health threats from
500	contaminated sites.
501	Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.