

**By** the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Senator Burgess

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to stormwater management systems;  
3           amending s. 373.423, F.S.; defining the terms "MS4"  
4           and "MS4 entity"; requiring each MS4 entity to conduct  
5           annual operation and maintenance inspections of  
6           certain stormwater management systems; providing  
7           requirements for such inspections; requiring each MS4  
8           entity to complete a stormwater facility inspection  
9           checklist; requiring that such checklist be submitted  
10          to specified entities annually by a specified date;  
11          requiring that each checklist include certain  
12          information; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 373.423,  
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18           373.423 Inspection.—

19           (4) (a) For purposes of this subsection:

20           1. "MS4" means a municipal separate storm sewer as defined  
21 in 40 C.F.R. s. 122.26(b).

22           2. "MS4 entity" means an MS4 permittee.

23           (b) Each MS4 entity shall conduct annual operation and  
24 maintenance inspections of all permitted stormwater management  
25 systems owned or operated by the MS4 entity. As part of such  
26 inspections, the MS4 entity must identify any infrastructure  
27 within the MS4, or any component thereof, which:

28           1. Has a significant vulnerability to obstruction,  
29 blockage, deterioration, failure, or other deficiencies; and

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30       2. Upon operational failure, would result in flooding and  
31 property damage.

32       (c) The MS4 entity shall complete the stormwater facility  
33 inspection checklist developed by the department for each MS4  
34 inspected pursuant to this subsection. The completed checklist  
35 must be submitted to the department and the Division of  
36 Emergency Management by September 1, 2026, and by June 1 of each  
37 year thereafter. Each checklist must include any infrastructure  
38 within the MS4, or any component thereof identified pursuant to  
39 paragraph (b).

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