

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to military installations and ranges;
3 amending s. 11.242, F.S.; providing a duty of the
4 Office of Legislative Services; amending s. 163.3175,
5 F.S.; revising legislative findings; revising
6 provisions relating to the exchange of certain
7 information between local governments and military
8 installations and ranges; creating part V of ch. 252,
9 F.S., entitled "Military Community Resiliency";
10 creating s. 252.951, F.S.; providing legislative
11 findings and intent; creating s. 252.952, F.S.;
12 providing definitions; creating s. 252.953, F.S.;
13 providing for a prioritized scoring adjustment;
14 creating s. 252.954, F.S.; requiring a department to
15 consider certain factors in applying the prioritized
16 scoring adjustment; creating s. 252.955, F.S.;
17 requiring publication of a revised prioritized scoring
18 adjustment by a specified date; creating s. 252.956,
19 F.S.; requiring the Division of Emergency Management
20 to coordinate interagency implementation; requiring
21 the division to submit an annual report to the
22 Governor and Legislature by a specified date; creating
23 s. 252.957, F.S.; providing for stakeholder
24 coordination; creating s. 252.958, F.S.; authorizing
25 rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 11.242, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11.242 Powers, duties, and functions as to statutory revision.—The powers, duties, and functions of the Office of Legislative Services in the operation and maintenance of a statutory revision program shall be as follows:

(1) To conduct a systematic and continuing study of the statutes and laws of this state for the purpose of reducing their number and bulk;~~7~~ removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetitions and otherwise improving their clarity and facilitating their correct and proper interpretation; and ensuring that military compatibility is examined as provided in s. 163.3175; and for the same purpose, to prepare and submit to the Legislature reviser's bills and bills for the amendment, consolidation, revision, repeal, or other alterations or changes in any general statute or laws or parts thereof of a general nature and application of the preceding session or sessions which may appear to be subject to revision. Any revision, either complete, partial, or topical, prepared for submission to the Legislature shall be accompanied by revision and history notes relating to the same, showing the changes made therein and the reason for such recommended change.

51 **Section 2. Section 163.3175, Florida Statutes, is amended**
52 **to read:**

53 163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of
54 development with military installations and ranges; exchange of
55 information between local governments and military installations
56 and ranges.—

57 (1) The Legislature finds that incompatible development on
58 ~~of land~~ and in state-controlled waters or on state submerged
59 lands close to military installations and ranges can adversely
60 affect the ability of such an installation or range to carry out
61 its mission. The Legislature further finds that such development
62 also threatens the public safety because of the possibility of
63 accidents occurring within the areas surrounding a military
64 installation or range. In addition, the economic vitality of a
65 community is affected when military operations and missions must
66 relocate because of incompatible ~~urban~~ encroachment. Therefore,
67 the Legislature finds that effective coordination among it
68 ~~desirable for the~~ local governments, state departments, the
69 state land planning agency, and military installations and
70 ranges is desirable in the state to cooperate with military
71 ~~installations~~ to encourage compatible land use and activities in
72 state-controlled waters or on state submerged lands to, help
73 prevent incompatible encroachment, and facilitate the continued
74 presence of ~~major~~ military installations and ranges in this
75 state.

76 (2) Certain ~~major~~ military installations and ranges, due
77 to their mission and activities, have a greater potential for
78 experiencing compatibility and coordination issues than others.
79 Consequently, this section and s. 163.3177(6)(a), relating to
80 compatibility of land development with military installations
81 and ranges, apply to specific affected local governments in
82 proximity to and in association with specific military
83 installations and ranges, as follows:

84 (a) Avon Park Air Force Range, associated with Highlands,
85 Okeechobee, Osceola, and Polk Counties and Avon Park, Sebring,
86 and Frostproof.

87 (b) Camp Blanding, associated with Clay, Bradford, and
88 Putnam Counties.

89 (c) Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field, associated
90 with Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties and Cinco
91 Bayou, Crestview, Destin, DeFuniak Springs, Fort Walton Beach,
92 Freeport, Laurel Hill, Mary Esther, Niceville, Shalimar, and
93 Valparaiso.

94 (d) Homestead Air Reserve Base, associated with Miami-Dade
95 County and Homestead.

96 (e) Jacksonville Training Range Complex, associated with
97 Lake, Marion, Putnam, and Volusia Counties.

98 (f) MacDill Air Force Base, associated with Hillsborough
99 County and Tampa.

100 (g) Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Marine Corps Support

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Facility-Blount Island, ~~and~~ outlying landing field Whitehouse,
and the Florida Air National Guard, associated with Duval
County, Jacksonville Port Authority, and Jacksonville.

(h) Naval Air Station Key West, including various annexes
across Boca Chica Key and Key West as well as the Fleming
Bay/Patton Water Drop Zone training range used by the Army
Special Forces Underwater Operations School, associated with
Monroe County and Key West.

(i) Naval Support Activity Orlando, including Bugg Spring
and Naval Ordnance Test Unit, associated with Orange, Brevard,
and Lake Counties, ~~County and~~ Orlando, Canaveral Port Authority,
and Okahumpka.

(j) Naval Support Activity Panama City, associated with
Bay County, Panama City, and Panama City Beach.

(k) Naval Air Station Pensacola, associated with Escambia
County.

(l) Naval Air Station Whiting Field and its outlying
landing fields, associated with Santa Rosa and Escambia
Counties.

(m) Naval Station Mayport, associated with Duval County,
Atlantic Beach, and Jacksonville.

(n) Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space
Force Station, associated with Brevard County, Canaveral Port
Authority, and Satellite Beach.

(o) Tyndall Air Force Base, associated with Bay County,

126 ~~and~~ Mexico Beach, and Parker.

127 (p) United States Southern Command, associated with Miami-
128 Dade County and Doral.

129 (q) South Florida Ocean Measurement Facility, associated
130 with Broward County and Dania Beach.

131 (r) United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville,
132 including Station Mayport, Station Port Canaveral, Station Ponce
133 de Leon Inlet, Aids to Navigation Team Jacksonville Beach, and
134 Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON), associated
135 with Duval, Brevard, and Volusia Counties and Jacksonville,
136 Jacksonville Beach, Atlantic Beach, Canaveral Port Authority,
137 and New Smyrna Beach.

138 (s) United States Coast Guard Sector Miami, including Base
139 Miami Beach, Station Fort Lauderdale, Station Fort Pierce, Air
140 Station Miami, Station Lake Worth Inlet, and Civil Engineering
141 Unit Miami, associated with St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Broward, and
142 Miami-Dade Counties and Fort Pierce, Riviera Beach, Dania Beach,
143 Opa-locka, Miami, and Miami Beach.

144 (t) United States Coast Guard Sector Key West, including
145 Station Key West, Station Islamorada, and Station Marathon,
146 associated with Monroe County and Key West, Islamorada, and
147 Marathon.

148 (u) United States Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg,
149 including Station St. Petersburg, Air Station Clearwater,
150 Station Cortez, Station Fort Myers Beach, Station Sand Key, and

151 Station Yankeetown, associated with Pinellas, Manatee, Lee, and
152 Levy Counties and St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Cortez, Fort Myers
153 Beach, and Yankeetown.

154 (v) United States Coast Guard Sector Mobile, including
155 Station Panama City, Station Destin, and Station Pensacola,
156 associated with Bay, Okaloosa, and Escambia Counties and Panama
157 City, Destin, and Pensacola.

158 (3) The direct-support organization created in s. 288.987
159 may recommend to the Legislature changes to the military
160 installations and ranges and local governments specified in
161 subsection (2) based on a military base or range's ~~base's~~
162 potential for impacts from encroachment, and incompatible land
163 uses and development.

164 (4) Each affected local government must transmit to the
165 commanding officer of the relevant associated installation or
166 range ~~or installations~~ information relating to proposed changes
167 to comprehensive plans, plan amendments, and proposed changes to
168 land development regulations which, if approved, would affect
169 the intensity, density, or use of the land adjacent to or in
170 close proximity to the military installation or range. At the
171 request of the commanding officer, affected local governments
172 must also transmit to the commanding officer copies of
173 applications for development orders requesting a variance or
174 waiver from height or lighting restrictions or noise attenuation
175 reduction requirements within areas defined in the local

government's comprehensive plan as being in a zone of influence of the military installation or range. Each affected local government shall provide the military installation or range control military authority an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes.

(5) The commanding officer or his or her designee may provide advisory comments to the affected local government on the impact such proposed changes may have on the mission of the military installation or range. Such advisory comments shall be based on appropriate data and analyses provided with the comments and may include:

(a) If the installation has an airfield or range, whether such proposed changes will be incompatible with the safety and noise standards contained in the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) or the Range Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (RAICUZ) adopted by the military installation for that airfield or range.†

(b) Whether such changes are incompatible with the Installation Environmental Noise Management Program (IENMP) of the United States Army.†

(c) Whether such changes are incompatible with the findings of a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), a Compatible Use Plan Study, an Acoustic Buffer Zone, an Explosive Safety Quantity Distance (ESQD) arc, a Military Influence Overlay District (MIOD), a Military Influence Planning Area (MIPA), and a

201 Military Installation Complex Encroachment Management Action
202 Plan (ICEMAP), or a Military Installation Readiness Review
203 (MIRR) for the area if one has been completed.~~and~~

204 (d) Whether the military installation or range's
205 ~~installation's~~ mission will be adversely affected by the
206 proposed actions of the county, ~~or~~ affected local government, or
207 controlling authority.

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209 The commanding officer's comments, underlying studies, and
210 reports shall be considered by the local government in the same
211 manner as the comments received from other reviewing agencies
212 pursuant to s. 163.3184.

213 (6) The affected local government shall take into
214 consideration any comments and accompanying data and analyses
215 provided by the commanding officer or his or her designee
216 pursuant to subsection (4) as they relate to the strategic
217 mission of the base, public safety, and the economic vitality
218 associated with the base's operations, while also respecting
219 private property rights and not being unduly restrictive on
220 those rights. The affected local government shall forward a copy
221 of any comments regarding comprehensive plan amendments to the
222 state land planning agency.

223 (7) To facilitate the exchange of information provided for
224 in this section, a representative of a military installation or
225 range acting on behalf of all military installations and ranges

226 within that jurisdiction shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting
227 member of the county's or affected local government's land
228 planning or zoning board. The representative is not required to
229 file a statement of financial interest pursuant to s. 112.3145
230 solely due to his or her service on the county's or affected
231 local government's land planning or zoning board.

232 (8) The commanding officer is encouraged to provide
233 information about any community planning assistance grants that
234 may be available to a county or affected local government
235 through programs such as those of the federal Office of Local
236 Defense Community Cooperation ~~Economic Adjustment~~ as an
237 incentive for communities to participate in a joint planning
238 process that would facilitate the compatibility and resilience
239 of community planning and the activities and mission of the
240 military installation or range.

241 (9) Any state department or local government that
242 administratively approves development projects must coordinate
243 with the state land planning agency before granting such
244 approval if the project is located in a military planning zone
245 of influence, including a military-adopted Air Installation
246 Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ), a Range Air Installation Compatible
247 Use Zone (RAICUZ), an Acoustic Buffer Zone (BZ), an Explosive
248 Safety Quantity Distance (ESQD) arc, a Military Influence
249 Overlay District (MIOD), a Military Influence Area (MIA), or a
250 Military Installation Complex Encroachment Management Action

Plan (ICEMAP) that provides for United States Department of Defense mission assurance; protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public surrounding such installations; and support compatibility with operational, test, training, or other national defense capabilities undertaken by the United States Department of Defense within this state's terrestrial, sea space, or airspace boundaries. Any development project that conflicts with such protections may not be approved unless the state land planning agency issues a written finding of no adverse impact on the affected military installation.

Section 3. Part V of chapter 252, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 252.951-252.958, is created and entitled "Military Community Resiliency."

Section 4. Section 252.951, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

252.951 Legislative findings and intent.—

(1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) Florida hosts critical military installations and range complexes that substantially contribute to this state's economy and national defense.

(b) These installations depend upon community-based infrastructure, utilities, transportation, housing, and services located outside installation boundaries.

(c) When such off-installation assets are vulnerable to natural hazards or other risks, mission assurance and community

resilience are adversely affected.

(d) The United States Department of Defense sponsors Military Installation Readiness Reviews (MIRRs) to identify off-installation vulnerabilities and to develop community projects that enhance mission assurance and public resilience.

(e) Prioritizing MIRR-validated projects within state resilience grant programs provides co-benefits to communities, safeguards military operations, and supports this state's economy.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

(a) Prioritize resilience projects identified and validated in completed MIRRs within existing state resilience grant programs.

(b) Protect public interests and the economic benefits associated with prudent resilience investments.

(c) Preserve the contributions and value of military installations and ranges in this state.

Section 5. Section 252.952, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

252.952 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(1) "Adverse impact" means an impact likely to impair, restrict, or degrade the operation, training, research, development, or testing activities of a military installation or range.

(2) "Department" means a state department or agency that

administers a resilience-related grant or financial assistance program.

(3) "Military installation" has the same meaning as in s. 163.3175(2).

(4) "Military Installation Readiness Review" or "MIRR" means a study sponsored by the Department of Defense that assesses community-based risks and vulnerabilities that may adversely affect installation missions and identifies projects to enhance resilience.

(5) "Resilience project" means an initiative identified and validated in a MIRR report that addresses vulnerabilities in physical, environmental, or operational infrastructure in the surrounding community.

Section 6. Section 252.953, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

252.953 Prioritized scoring adjustment.—Subject to appropriation, each department shall, within the existing application scoring frameworks of its resilience-related grant programs, apply a scoring adjustment that prioritizes applications for resilience projects identified and validated in a completed MIRR.

Section 7. Section 252.954, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

252.954 Considerations.—In applying the prioritized scoring adjustment, a department shall consider:

326 (1) The strategic importance of the affected installation
327 or range to this state's economy and national defense.

328 (2) The degree to which the project directly mitigates
329 vulnerabilities identified in a MIRR.

330 (3) The project's expected contribution to mission
331 assurance and operational continuity.

332 (4) Community co-benefits, including improved public
333 safety, infrastructure reliability, environmental stewardship,
334 and disaster preparedness.

335 **Section 8. Section 252.955, Florida Statutes, is created**
336 **to read:**

337 252.955 Transparency.—By October 1, 2026, each department
338 shall publish a revised prioritized scoring adjustment on its
339 website and in related program materials.

340 **Section 9. Section 252.956, Florida Statutes, is created**
341 **to read:**

342 252.956 Oversight and reporting.—

343 (1) The Division of Emergency Management shall coordinate
344 interagency implementation of this part.

345 (2) By December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
346 division shall submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of
347 the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate
348 that summarizes:

349 (a) Programs updated to incorporate the prioritized
350 scoring adjustment required by this part.

351 (b) Applications and awards for MIRR-validated projects.

352 (c) Observed outcomes and recommended improvements.

353 **Section 10. Section 252.957, Florida Statutes, is created**
354 **to read:**

355 252.957 Stakeholder coordination.—A department shall, as
356 appropriate, coordinate with the United States Department of
357 Defense, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, regional
358 planning councils, local governments, utilities, and private-
359 sector stakeholders to facilitate implementation of this part.

360 **Section 11. Section 252.958, Florida Statutes, is created**
361 **to read:**

362 252.958 Rulemaking.—A department may adopt rules to
363 implement this part.

364 **Section 12.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.