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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to advanced wastewater treatment;
providing legislative findings; requiring certain
sewage disposal facilities to submit specified reports
to the Department of Environmental Protection;
requiring the department, in consultation with water
management districts and sewage disposal facilities,
to submit specified reports to the Governor and
Legislature and to post such reports on its website;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the discharge of inadequately treated wastewater and aging sewage disposal facilities compromise the quality of the environment, including freshwater, brackish water, and nearshore and offshore salt waters, and threatens the quality of life and local economies in state that depend on those resources. The Legislature further finds that requiring advanced wastewater treatment or never at all sewage disposal facilities with a permitted capacity of greater than 1 million gallons per day in this state is necessary long-term investment that will fundamentally improve wastewater treatment.

(2) By July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, sewage

disposal facilities with a permitted capacity of greater than 1 million gallons per day in this state must report to the Department of Environmental Protection all of the following:

(a) Year of construction for the facility and any maintenance or upgrades.

(b) Total permitted volume of water treated daily.

(c) Actual permitted volume of water treated daily, including the most recent 1 year and 5 year averages.

(d) Current level of treatment, including concentrations for each of the following:

1. Biochemical oxygen demand.

2. Suspended solids.

3. Total nitrogen.

4. Total phosphorus.

5. Perfluorooctanoic acid.

6. Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid.

7. Molybdenum.

8. Other contaminants of emerging concern as determined by the department.

(e) Estimated total pollutant loading based on permitted volume and concentrations.

(f) Disposal methods and the volume discharged to any receiving waterbodies, if applicable, pursuant to s.

403.064(16), Florida Statutes.

(g) Total volume and concentration of any permitted and

51 nonpermitted wastewater spills since 2010.

52 (h) Elevation of the facility and supporting
53 infrastructure.

54 (i) Location within a floodplain, flood zone, or coastal
55 high-hazard area and, if applicable, the corresponding zone
56 number.

57 (3) In order to prioritize the upgrade of sewage disposal
58 facilities and investments in wastewater infrastructure, by
59 December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Department of
60 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the water
61 management districts and sewage disposal facilities, shall
62 submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
63 Speaker of the House of Representatives a report detailing all
64 of the following for all sewage disposal facilities with a
65 permitted capacity of greater than 1 million gallons per day in
66 this state and post the annual report on its website:

67 (a) Year of construction for the facility and any
68 maintenance or upgrades.

69 (b) Total permitted volume of water treated daily.

70 (c) Actual permitted volume of water treated daily,
71 including the most recent 1 year and 5 year averages.

72 (d) Current level of treatment, including concentrations
73 for each of the following:

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81 8. Other contaminants of emerging concern as determined by
82 the department.

83 (e) Estimated total pollutant loading based on permitted
84 volume and concentrations.

85 (f) Disposal methods and the volume discharged to any
86 receiving waterbodies, if applicable, pursuant to s.

87 403.064(16), Florida Statutes.

88 (g) Impairment status of any receiving waterbodies within
89 the watershed.

90 (h) Implementation status of total maximum daily loads and
91 basin management action plans and assigned reductions for load
92 allocations and wasteload allocations for pollutants of concern.

93 (i) Total volume and concentration of any permitted and
94 nonpermitted wastewater spills since 2010.

95 (j) Elevation of the facility and supporting
96 infrastructure.

97 (k) Location within a floodplain, flood zone, or coastal
98 high-hazard area and, if applicable, the corresponding zone
99 number.

100 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.