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A bill to be entitled An act relating to regional planning councils; amending s. 163.3175, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to identify parties that may enter into mediation relating to the compatibility of developments with military installations; amending s. 186.0201, F.S.; requiring electric utilities to notify the county, rather than the regional planning council, of its current plans to site electric substations; repealing ss. 186.501, 186.502, 186.503, 186.504, 186.505, 186.506, 186.507, 186.508, 186.509, 186.511, and 186.513, F.S., relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; amending s. 186.515, F.S.; authorizing local governments to enter into agreements to create regional planning entities; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 215.559, F.S.; requiring the Division of Emergency Management to give priority funding to projects in counties that have shelter deficits rather than regional planning council regions; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; revising the requirements for the statewide emergency shelter plan to include the general location and square footage of special needs shelters by county rather than by regional planning council region; requiring state funds to be maximized and targeted to counties with hurricane evacuation shelter deficits rather than regional planning council regions; amending s. 369.307, F.S.; requiring the St. Johns River Water Management District to adopt

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policies to protect the Wekiva River Protection Area; amending s. 369.324, F.S.; requiring the St. Johns River Water Management District to provide staff support to the Wekiva River Basin Commission; requiring the district to serve as a clearinghouse of baseline or specialized studies; amending s. 380.05, F.S.; authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern; amending s. 380.06, F.S.; requiring developers filing an application for development approval to arrange a preapplication conference with the state land planning agency; requiring the state land planning agency to provide the developer with information about the developmentof-regional-impact process; requiring the state land planning agency to develop by rule certain procedures; requiring the state land planning agency to review applications for sufficiency; requiring the state land planning agency to prepare and submit reports on the regional impact of a proposed development; authorizing the state land planning agency to assess and collect fees of conducting the review process; amending s. 380.061, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to review requests for conversions from a proposed project to a proposed development of regional impact; amending s. 380.065, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to review developments of regional impact upon revocation of certification; amending s. 403.7225, F.S.; requiring counties to make arrangements with the Department of Environmental

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Protection to perform the local hazardous waste management assessment program under certain circumstances; amending s. 403.723, F.S.; requiring the department to designate sites at which regional hazardous waste storage or treatment facilities could be constructed; amending s. 1013.372, F.S.; providing that if a county does not have a hurricane evacuation shelter deficit, educational facilities within the county are not required to incorporate the public shelter criteria; requiring the Division of Emergency Management to identify the general location and square footage of existing shelters by county rather than by regional planning council region; amending s. 1013.74, F.S.; requiring public hurricane evacuation shelters in certain counties rather than regional planning council regions to be constructed in accordance with public shelter standards; counties amending ss. 68.082, 120.52, 120.65, 163.3177, 163.3178, 163.3184, 163.3245, 163.3246, 163.3248, 163.568, 164.1031, 186.006, 186.007, 186.008, 186.803, 187.201, 218.32, 253.7828, 258.501, 260.0142, 260.018, 288.0656, 288.975, 320.08058, 335.188, 339.155, 339.175, 339.285, 339.63, 339.64, 341.041, 343.1004, 343.1006, 343.1010, 343.54, 373.309, 373.415, 377.703, 378.411, 380.045, 380.055, 380.07, 380.507, 403.0752, 403.50663, 403.507, 403.508, 403.5115, 403.518, 403.526, 403.527, 403.5272, 403.5363, 403.5365, 403.537, 403.704, 403.7226, 403.941, 403.9411, 403.9422, 403.973, 408.033, 419.001, 420.609, 427.012,

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501.171, 985.682, 1013.30, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing ss. 163.3164(40) and 186.003(5), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "regional planning agency"; repealing s. 343.1003(11)(c), F.S., relating to the Northeast Florida Regional Council; repealing s. 369.303(1), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "council"; repealing s. 380.031(15), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "regional planning agency"; repealing ss. 403.503(26) and 403.522(21), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "regional planning council"; repealing s. 403.7264(4), F.S., relating to the role of regional planning councils in amnesty days for purging small quantities of hazardous waste; repealing s. 403.9403(22), F.S., relating to the definition of the term "regional planning council"; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 163.3175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of development with military installations; exchange of information between local governments and military installations.—

(9) If a local government, as required under s. 163.3177(6)(a), does not adopt criteria and address compatibility of lands adjacent to or closely proximate to existing military installations in its future land use plan

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element by June 30, 2012, the local government, the military installation, the state land planning agency, and other parties as identified by the state land regional planning agency council, including, but not limited to, private landowner representatives, shall enter into mediation conducted pursuant to s. 186.509. If the local government comprehensive plan does not contain criteria addressing compatibility by December 31, 2013, the agency may notify the Administration Commission. The Administration Commission may impose sanctions pursuant to s. 163.3184(8). Any local government that amended its comprehensive plan to address military installation compatibility requirements after 2004 and was found to be in compliance is deemed to be in compliance with this subsection until the local government conducts its evaluation and appraisal review pursuant to s. 163.3191 and determines that amendments are necessary to meet updated general law requirements.

Section 2. Section 186.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

186.0201 Electric substation planning.—Electric utility substations respond to development and, consequently, siting locations cannot be precisely planned years in advance.

Nevertheless, on or before June 1 of every year after the effective date of this act, the electric utilities with service areas within each county regional planning council shall notify the county regional planning council of the utilities' current plans over a 5-year period to site electric substations within the local governments contained within each county region, including an identification of whether each electric substation planned within a general area is a distribution or transmission

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electric substation, a listing of the proposed substations' site acreage needs and anticipated capacity, and maps showing general locations of the planned electric substations. This information is advisory, shall be included in the regional planning council's annual report prepared pursuant to s. 186.513, and shall be supplied directly to local governments requesting the information.

Section 3. <u>Sections 186.501, 186.502, 186.503, 186.504, 186.505, 186.506, 186.507, 186.508, 186.509, 186.511, and 186.513, Florida Statutes, are repealed.</u>

Section 4. Section 186.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

under chapter 163.—Local governments may enter into agreements to create regional planning entities pursuant to chapter 163.

Nothing in ss. 186.501—186.507, 186.513, and 186.515 is intended to repeal or limit the provisions of chapter 163; however, the local general-purpose governments serving as voting members of the governing body of a regional planning council created pursuant to ss. 186.501—186.507, 186.513, and 186.515 are not authorized to create a regional planning council pursuant to chapter 163 unless an agency, other than a regional planning council created pursuant to ss. 186.501—186.507, 186.513, and 186.515, is designated to exercise the powers and duties in any one or more of ss. 163.3164 and 380.031(15); in which case, such a regional planning council is also without authority to exercise the powers and duties in s. 163.3164 or s. 380.031(15).

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 215.559, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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215.559 Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program.—A Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program is established in the Division of Emergency Management.

- (1) The Legislature shall annually appropriate \$10 million of the moneys authorized for appropriation under s. 215.555(7)(c) from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to the division for the purposes set forth in this section. Of the amount:
- (b) Three million dollars in funds shall be used to retrofit existing facilities used as public hurricane shelters. Each year the division shall prioritize the use of these funds for projects included in the annual report of the Shelter Retrofit Report prepared in accordance with s. 252.385(3). The division must give funding priority to projects in counties regional planning council regions that have shelter deficits and to projects that maximize the use of state funds.
- Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 252.385, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 252.385 Public shelter space.—

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(b) By January 31 of each even-numbered year, the division shall prepare and submit a statewide emergency shelter plan to the Governor and Cabinet for approval, subject to the requirements for approval in s. 1013.37(2). The plan shall identify the general location and square footage of special needs shelters, by county regional planning council region, during the next 5 years. The plan shall also include information on the availability of shelters that accept pets. The Department of Health shall assist the division in determining the estimated

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need for special needs shelter space and the adequacy of facilities to meet the needs of persons with special needs based on information from the registries of persons with special needs and other information.

(3) The division shall annually provide to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor a list of facilities recommended to be retrofitted using state funds. State funds should be maximized and targeted to counties regional planning council regions with hurricane evacuation shelter deficits. Retrofitting facilities in regions with public hurricane evacuation shelter deficits shall be given first priority and should be completed by 2003. All recommended facilities should be retrofitted by 2008. The owner or lessee of a public hurricane evacuation shelter that is included on the list of facilities recommended for retrofitting is not required to perform any recommended improvements.

Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 369.307, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

369.307 Developments of regional impact in the Wekiva River Protection Area; land acquisition.—

(3) The Wekiva River Protection Area is hereby declared to be a natural resource of state and regional importance. The St. Johns River Water Management District East Central Florida

Regional Planning Council shall adopt policies that as part of its strategic regional policy plan and regional issues list which will protect the water quantity, water quality, hydrology, wetlands, aquatic and wetland-dependent wildlife species, habitat of species designated pursuant to rules 39-27.003, 39-27.004, and 39-27.005, Florida Administrative Code, and native

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vegetation in the Wekiva River Protection Area. The <u>water</u>
management district council shall also cooperate with the
department in the department's implementation of the provisions
of s. 369.305.

Section 8. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 369.324, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

369.324 Wekiva River Basin Commission.-

- (1) The Wekiva River Basin Commission is created to monitor and ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee for the Wekiva Study Area. The St. Johns River Water Management District East Central Florida Regional Planning Council shall provide staff support to the commission with funding assistance from the Department of Economic Opportunity. The commission shall be comprised of a total of 18 members appointed by the Governor, 9 of whom shall be voting members and 9 shall be ad hoc nonvoting members. The voting members shall include:
- (a) One member of each of the Boards of County Commissioners for Lake, Orange, and Seminole Counties.
- (b) One municipal elected official to serve as a representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva Study Area of Lake County.
- (c) One municipal elected official to serve as a representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva Study Area of Orange County.
- (d) One municipal elected official to serve as a representative of the municipalities located within the Wekiva Study Area of Seminole County.
 - (e) One citizen representing an environmental or

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conservation organization, one citizen representing a local property owner, a land developer, or an agricultural entity, and one at-large citizen who shall serve as chair of the council.

- (f) The ad hoc nonvoting members shall include one representative from each of the following entities:
 - 1. St. Johns River Management District.
 - 2. Department of Economic Opportunity.
 - 3. Department of Environmental Protection.
 - 4. Department of Health.
 - 5. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
 - 6. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
 - 7. Department of Transportation.
 - 8. MetroPlan Orlando.
 - 9. Central Florida Expressway Authority.
- (4) To assist the commission in its mission, the St. Johns River Water Management District East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in coordination with the applicable regional and state agencies, shall serve as a clearinghouse of baseline or specialized studies through modeling and simulation, including collecting and disseminating data on the demographics, economics, and the environment of the Wekiva Study Area including the changing conditions of the Wekiva River surface and groundwater basin and associated influence on the Wekiva River and the Wekiva Springs.
- Section 9. Subsections (3), (4), (7), (8), and (12) of section 380.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 380.05 Areas of critical state concern.-
- (3) Each <u>local government</u> regional planning agency may recommend to the state land planning agency from time to time

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areas wholly or partially within its jurisdiction that meet the criteria for areas of critical state concern as defined in this section. Each regional planning agency shall solicit from the local governments within its jurisdiction suggestions as to areas to be recommended. A local government in an area where there is no regional planning agency may recommend to the state land planning agency from time to time areas wholly or partially within its jurisdiction that meet the criteria for areas of critical state concern as defined in this section. If the state land planning agency does not recommend to the commission as an area of critical state concern an area substantially similar to one that has been recommended, it shall respond in writing as to its reasons therefor.

- (4) <u>Before</u> Prior to submitting any recommendation to the commission under subsection (1), the state land planning agency shall give notice to any committee appointed pursuant to s. 380.045 and to all local governments and regional planning agencies that include within their boundaries any part of any area of critical state concern proposed to be designated by the rule, in addition to any notice otherwise required under chapter 120.
- (7) The state land planning agency and any applicable regional planning agency shall, to the greatest extent possible, provide technical assistance to local governments in the preparation of the land development regulations and local comprehensive plan for areas of critical state concern.
- (8) If any local government fails to submit land development regulations or a local comprehensive plan, or if the regulations or plan or plan amendment submitted do not comply

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with the principles for quiding development set out in the rule designating the area of critical state concern, within 120 days after the adoption of the rule designating an area of critical state concern, or within 120 days after the issuance of a recommended order on the compliance of the plan or plan amendment pursuant to s. 163.3184, or within 120 days after the effective date of an order rejecting a proposed land development regulation, the state land planning agency shall submit to the commission recommended land development regulations and a local comprehensive plan or portions thereof applicable to that local government's portion of the area of critical state concern. Within 45 days following receipt of the recommendation from the agency, the commission shall either reject the recommendation as tendered or adopt the recommendation with or without modification, and by rule establish land development regulations and a local comprehensive plan applicable to that local government's portion of the area of critical state concern. However, such rule is shall not become effective before prior to legislative review of an area of critical state concern pursuant to paragraph (1)(c). In the rule, the commission shall specify the extent to which its land development regulations, plans, or plan amendments will supersede, or will be supplementary to, local land development regulations and plans. Notice of any proposed rule issued under this section shall be given to all local governments and regional planning agencies in the area of critical state concern, in addition to any other notice required under chapter 120. The land development regulations and local comprehensive plan adopted by the commission under this section may include any type of regulation and plan that could have been

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adopted by the local government. Any land development regulations or local comprehensive plan or plan amendments adopted by the commission under this section shall be administered by the local government as part of, or in the absence of, the local land development regulations and local comprehensive plan.

(12) Upon the request of a substantially interested person pursuant to s. 120.54(7), a local government or regional planning agency within the designated area, or the state land planning agency, the commission may by rule remove, contract, or expand any designated boundary. Boundary expansions are subject to legislative review pursuant to paragraph (1)(c). A No boundary may not be modified without a specific finding by the commission that such changes are consistent with necessary resource protection. The total boundaries of an entire area of critical state concern may shall not be removed by the commission unless a minimum time of 1 year has elapsed from the adoption of regulations and a local comprehensive plan pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (6), subsection (8), or subsection (10). Before totally removing such boundaries, the commission shall make findings that the regulations and plans adopted pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (6), subsection (8), or subsection (10) are being effectively implemented by local governments within the area of critical state concern to protect the area and that adopted local government comprehensive plans within the area have been conformed to principles for guiding development for the area.

Section 10. Subsection (3), paragraph (b) of subsection (6), subsection (7), paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (9),

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subsections (10) through (12), subsection (14), subsection (18), paragraphs (a), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (19), paragraph (b) of subsection (21), paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (23), paragraph (f) of subsection (24), paragraphs (b), (e), (h), and (j) of subsection (25), and subsection (27) of section 380.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

380.06 Developments of regional impact.-

- (3) VARIATION OF THRESHOLDS IN STATEWIDE GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS.—The state land planning agency, a regional planning agency, or a local government may petition the Administration Commission to increase or decrease the numerical thresholds of any statewide guideline and standard. The state land planning agency or the regional planning agency may petition for an increase or decrease for a particular local government's jurisdiction or a part of a particular jurisdiction. A local government may petition for an increase or decrease within its jurisdiction or a part of its jurisdiction. A number of requests may be combined in a single petition.
- (a) When a petition is filed, the state land planning agency shall have no more than 180 days to prepare and submit to the Administration Commission a report and recommendations on the proposed variation. The report shall evaluate, and the Administration Commission shall consider, the following criteria:
- 1. Whether the local government has adopted and effectively implemented a comprehensive plan that reflects and implements the goals and objectives of an adopted state comprehensive plan.
- 2. Any applicable policies in an adopted strategic regional policy plan.

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2.3. Whether the local government has adopted and effectively implemented both a comprehensive set of land development regulations, which regulations shall include a planned unit development ordinance, and a capital improvements plan that are consistent with the local government comprehensive plan.

- 3.4. Whether the local government has adopted and effectively implemented the authority and the fiscal mechanisms for requiring developers to meet development order conditions.
- $\underline{4.5.}$ Whether the local government has adopted and effectively implemented and enforced satisfactory development review procedures.
- (b) The affected regional planning agency, adjoining local governments, and The local government shall be given a reasonable opportunity to submit recommendations to the Administration Commission regarding any such proposed variations.
- (c) The Administration Commission shall have authority to increase or decrease a threshold in the statewide guidelines and standards up to 50 percent above or below the statewide presumptive threshold. The commission may from time to time reconsider changed thresholds and make additional variations as it deems necessary.
- (d) The Administration Commission shall adopt rules setting forth the procedures for submission and review of petitions filed pursuant to this subsection.
- (e) Variations to guidelines and standards adopted by the Administration Commission under this subsection shall be transmitted on or before March 1 to the President of the Senate

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and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for presentation at the next regular session of the Legislature. Unless approved as submitted by general law, the revisions shall not become effective.

- (6) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT; CONCURRENT PLAN AMENDMENTS.—
- (b) Any local government comprehensive plan amendments related to a proposed development of regional impact, including any changes proposed under subsection (19), may be initiated by a local planning agency or the developer and must be considered by the local governing body at the same time as the application for development approval using the procedures provided for local plan amendment in s. 163.3184 and applicable local ordinances, without regard to local limits on the frequency of consideration of amendments to the local comprehensive plan. This paragraph does not require favorable consideration of a plan amendment solely because it is related to a development of regional impact. The procedure for processing such comprehensive plan amendments is as follows:
- 1. If a developer seeks a comprehensive plan amendment related to a development of regional impact, the developer must so notify in writing the regional planning agency, the applicable local government, and the state land planning agency no later than the date of preapplication conference or the submission of the proposed change under subsection (19).
- 2. When filing the application for development approval or the proposed change, the developer must include a written request for comprehensive plan amendments that would be necessitated by the development-of-regional-impact approvals

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sought. That request must include data and analysis upon which the applicable local government can determine whether to transmit the comprehensive plan amendment pursuant to s. 163.3184.

- 3. The local government must advertise a public hearing on the transmittal within 30 days after filing the application for development approval or the proposed change and must make a determination on the transmittal within 60 days after the initial filing unless that time is extended by the developer.
- 4. If the local government approves the transmittal, procedures set forth in s. 163.3184 must be followed.
- 5. Notwithstanding subsection (11) or subsection (19), the local government may not hold a public hearing on the application for development approval or the proposed change or on the comprehensive plan amendments sooner than 30 days after reviewing agency comments are due to the local government pursuant to s. 163.3184.
- 6. The local government must hear both the application for development approval or the proposed change and the comprehensive plan amendments at the same hearing. However, the local government must take action separately on the application for development approval or the proposed change and on the comprehensive plan amendments.
- 7. Thereafter, the appeal process for the local government development order must follow the provisions of s. 380.07, and the compliance process for the comprehensive plan amendments must follow the provisions of s. 163.3184.
 - (7) PREAPPLICATION PROCEDURES.-
 - (a) Before filing an application for development approval,

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the developer shall contact the state land regional planning agency having jurisdiction over the proposed development to arrange a preapplication conference. Upon the request of the developer or the regional planning agency, other affected state and regional agencies shall participate in this conference and shall identify the types of permits issued by the agencies, the level of information required, and the permit issuance procedures as applied to the proposed development. The levels of service required in the transportation methodology shall be the same levels of service used to evaluate concurrency in accordance with s. 163.3180. The state land regional planning agency shall provide the developer information about the development-of-regional-impact process and the use of preapplication conferences to identify issues, coordinate appropriate state and local agency requirements, and otherwise promote a proper and efficient review of the proposed development. If an agreement is reached regarding assumptions and methodology to be used in the application for development approval, the reviewing agencies may not subsequently object to those assumptions and methodologies unless subsequent changes to the project or information obtained during the review make those assumptions and methodologies inappropriate. The reviewing agencies may make only recommendations or comments regarding a proposed development which are consistent with the statutes, rules, or adopted local government ordinances that are applicable to developments in the jurisdiction where the proposed development is located.

(b) The <u>state land</u> regional planning agency shall establish by rule a procedure by which a developer may enter into binding

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written agreements with the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency to eliminate questions from the application for development approval when those questions are found to be unnecessary for development-of-regional-impact review. It is the legislative intent of this subsection to encourage reduction of paperwork, to discourage unnecessary gathering of data, and to encourage the coordination of the development-of-regional-impact review process with federal, state, and local environmental reviews when such reviews are required by law.

- (c) If the application for development approval is not submitted within 1 year after the date of the preapplication conference, the regional planning agency, the local government having jurisdiction τ or the applicant may request that another preapplication conference be held.
 - (9) CONCEPTUAL AGENCY REVIEW.
- (a)1. In order to facilitate the planning and preparation of permit applications for projects that undergo development-of-regional-impact review, and in order to coordinate the information required to issue such permits, a developer may elect to request conceptual agency review under this subsection either concurrently with development-of-regional-impact review and comprehensive plan amendments, if applicable, or subsequent to a preapplication conference held pursuant to subsection (7).
- 2. "Conceptual agency review" means general review of the proposed location, densities, intensity of use, character, and major design features of a proposed development required to undergo review under this section for the purpose of considering whether these aspects of the proposed development comply with the issuing agency's statutes and rules.

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3. Conceptual agency review is a licensing action subject to chapter 120, and approval or denial constitutes final agency action, except that the 90-day time period specified in s. 120.60(1) shall be tolled for the agency when the state land affected regional planning agency requests information from the developer pursuant to paragraph (10)(b). If proposed agency action on the conceptual approval is the subject of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57, final agency action shall be conclusive as to any issues actually raised and adjudicated in the proceeding, and such issues may not be raised in any subsequent proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 on the proposed development by any parties to the prior proceeding.

- 4. A conceptual agency review approval shall be valid for up to 10 years, unless otherwise provided in a state or regional agency rule, and may be reviewed and reissued for additional periods of time under procedures established by the agency.
- (d) At the conclusion of the conceptual agency review, the agency shall give notice of its proposed agency action as required by s. 120.60(3) and shall forward a copy of the notice to the appropriate regional planning council with a report setting out the agency's conclusions on potential development impacts and stating whether the agency intends to grant conceptual approval, with or without conditions, or to deny conceptual approval. If the agency intends to deny conceptual approval, the report shall state the reasons therefor. The agency may require the developer to publish notice of proposed agency action in accordance with s. 403.815.
 - (10) APPLICATION; SUFFICIENCY.-
 - (a) When an application for development approval is filed

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with a local government, the developer shall also send copies of the application to the appropriate regional planning agency and the state land planning agency.

(b) If the state land a regional planning agency determines that the application for development approval is insufficient for the agency to discharge its responsibilities under subsection (12), it shall provide in writing to the appropriate local government and the applicant a statement of any additional information desired within 30 days of the receipt of the application by the state land regional planning agency. The applicant may supply the information requested by the state land regional planning agency and shall communicate its intention to do so in writing to the appropriate local government and the state land regional planning agency within 5 working days of the receipt of the statement requesting such information, or the applicant shall notify the appropriate local government and the regional planning agency in writing that the requested information will not be supplied. Within 30 days after receipt of such additional information, the state land regional planning agency shall review it and may request only that information needed to clarify the additional information or to answer new questions raised by, or directly related to, the additional information. The regional planning agency may request additional information no more than twice, unless the developer waives this limitation. If an applicant does not provide the information requested by the state land a regional planning agency within 120 days of its request, or within a time agreed upon by the applicant and the state land regional planning agency, the application shall be considered withdrawn.

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(c) The <u>state land regional</u> planning agency shall notify the local government that a public hearing date may be set when the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency determines that the application is sufficient or when it receives notification from the developer that the additional requested information will not be supplied, as provided for in paragraph (b).

- (11) LOCAL NOTICE.—Upon receipt of the sufficiency notification from the state land regional planning agency required by paragraph (10)(c), the appropriate local government shall give notice and hold a public hearing on the application in the same manner as for a rezoning as provided under the appropriate special or local law or ordinance, except that such hearing proceedings shall be recorded by tape or a certified court reporter and made available for transcription at the expense of any interested party. When a development of regional impact is proposed within the jurisdiction of more than one local government, the local governments, at the request of the developer, may hold a joint public hearing. The local government shall comply with the following additional requirements:
- (a) The notice of public hearing shall state that the proposed development is undergoing a development-of-regional-impact review.
- (b) The notice shall be published at least 60 days in advance of the hearing and shall specify where the information and reports on the development-of-regional-impact application may be reviewed.
- (c) The notice shall be given to the state land planning agency, to the applicable regional planning agency, to any state or regional permitting agency participating in a conceptual

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agency review process under subsection (9), and to such other persons as may have been designated by the state land planning agency as entitled to receive such notices.

- (d) A public hearing date shall be set by the appropriate local government at the next scheduled meeting. The public hearing shall be held no later than 90 days after issuance of notice by the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency that a public hearing may be set, unless an extension is requested by the applicant.
 - (12) REGIONAL REPORTS.-
- (a) Within 50 days after receipt of the notice of public hearing required in paragraph (11)(c), the state land regional planning agency, if one has been designated for the area including the local government, shall prepare and submit to the local government a report and recommendations on the regional impact of the proposed development. In preparing its report and recommendations, the state land regional planning agency shall identify regional issues based upon the following review criteria and make recommendations to the local government on these regional issues, specifically considering whether, and the extent to which:
- 1. The development will have a favorable or unfavorable impact on state or regional resources or facilities identified in the applicable state <u>plan</u> or regional plans. As used in this subsection, the term "applicable state plan" means the state comprehensive plan. As used in this subsection, the term "applicable regional plan" means an adopted strategic regional policy plan.
 - 2. The development will significantly impact adjacent

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jurisdictions. At the request of the appropriate local government, the state land planning agency regional planning agencies may also review and comment upon issues that affect only the requesting local government.

- 3. As one of the issues considered in the review in subparagraphs 1. and 2., the development will favorably or adversely affect the ability of people to find adequate housing reasonably accessible to their places of employment if the state land regional planning agency has adopted an affordable housing policy as part of its applicable state strategic regional policy plan. The determination should take into account information on factors that are relevant to the availability of reasonably accessible adequate housing. Adequate housing means housing that is available for occupancy and that is not substandard.
- (b) The <u>state land</u> regional planning agency report must contain recommendations that are consistent with the standards required by the applicable state permitting agencies or the water management district.
- (c) At the request of the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency, other appropriate agencies shall review the proposed development and shall prepare reports and recommendations on issues that are clearly within the jurisdiction of those agencies. Such agency reports shall become part of the regional planning agency report; however, the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency may attach dissenting views. When water management district and Department of Environmental Protection permits have been issued pursuant to chapter 373 or chapter 403, the <u>state land regional</u> planning <u>agency council</u> may comment on the regional implications of the permits but may not offer

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conflicting recommendations.

- (d) The <u>state land regional</u> planning agency shall afford the developer or any substantially affected party reasonable opportunity to present evidence to the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency head <u>or designee</u> relating to the proposed regional agency report and recommendations.
- (e) If the location of a proposed development involves land within the boundaries of multiple regional planning councils, the state land planning agency shall designate a lead regional planning council. The lead regional planning council shall prepare the regional report.
- (14) CRITERIA OUTSIDE AREAS OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN.—If the development is not located in an area of critical state concern, in considering whether the development shall be approved, denied, or approved subject to conditions, restrictions, or limitations, the local government shall consider whether, and the extent to which:
- (a) The development is consistent with the local comprehensive plan and local land development regulations;
- (b) The development is consistent with the report and recommendations of the $\underline{\text{state land regional}}$ planning agency submitted pursuant to subsection (12); and
- (c) The development is consistent with the State Comprehensive Plan. In consistency determinations the plan shall be construed and applied in accordance with s. 187.101(3).
- (18) BIENNIAL REPORTS.—The developer shall submit a biennial report on the development of regional impact to the local government, the regional planning agency, the state land planning agency, and all affected permit agencies in alternate

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years on the date specified in the development order, unless the development order by its terms requires more frequent monitoring. If the report is not received, the regional planning agency or the state land planning agency shall notify the local government. If the local government does not receive the report or receives notification that the regional planning agency or the state land planning agency has not received the report, the local government shall request in writing that the developer submit the report within 30 days. The failure to submit the report after 30 days shall result in the temporary suspension of the development order by the local government. If no additional development pursuant to the development order has occurred since the submission of the previous report, then a letter from the developer stating that no development has occurred shall satisfy the requirement for a report. Development orders that require annual reports may be amended to require biennial reports at the option of the local government.

- (19) SUBSTANTIAL DEVIATIONS.-
- (a) Any proposed change to a previously approved development which creates a reasonable likelihood of additional regional impact, or any type of regional impact created by the change not previously reviewed by the state land regional planning agency, shall constitute a substantial deviation and shall cause the proposed change to be subject to further development-of-regional-impact review. There are a variety of reasons why a developer may wish to propose changes to an approved development of regional impact, including changed market conditions. The procedures set forth in this subsection are for that purpose.

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(e)1. Except for a development order rendered pursuant to subsection (22) or subsection (25), a proposed change to a development order which individually or cumulatively with any previous change is less than any numerical criterion contained in subparagraphs (b)1.-10. and does not exceed any other criterion, or which involves an extension of the buildout date of a development, or any phase thereof, of less than 5 years is not subject to the public hearing requirements of subparagraph (f)3., and is not subject to a determination pursuant to subparagraph (f)5. Notice of the proposed change shall be made to the regional planning council and the state land planning agency. Such notice must include a description of previous individual changes made to the development, including changes previously approved by the local government, and must include appropriate amendments to the development order.

- 2. The following changes, individually or cumulatively with any previous changes, are not substantial deviations:
- a. Changes in the name of the project, developer, owner, or monitoring official.
- b. Changes to a setback which do not affect noise buffers, environmental protection or mitigation areas, or archaeological or historical resources.
 - c. Changes to minimum lot sizes.
- d. Changes in the configuration of internal roads which do not affect external access points.
- e. Changes to the building design or orientation which stay approximately within the approved area designated for such building and parking lot, and which do not affect historical buildings designated as significant by the Division of

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- f. Changes to increase the acreage in the development, if no development is proposed on the acreage to be added.
- g. Changes to eliminate an approved land use, if there are no additional regional impacts.
- h. Changes required to conform to permits approved by any federal, state, or regional permitting agency, if these changes do not create additional regional impacts.
- i. Any renovation or redevelopment of development within a previously approved development of regional impact which does not change land use or increase density or intensity of use.
- j. Changes that modify boundaries and configuration of areas described in subparagraph (b)11. due to science-based refinement of such areas by survey, by habitat evaluation, by other recognized assessment methodology, or by an environmental assessment. In order for changes to qualify under this subsubparagraph, the survey, habitat evaluation, or assessment must occur before the time that a conservation easement protecting such lands is recorded and must not result in any net decrease in the total acreage of the lands specifically set aside for permanent preservation in the final development order.
- k. Changes that do not increase the number of external peak hour trips and do not reduce open space and conserved areas within the project except as otherwise permitted by subsubparagraph j.
- 1. Any other change that the state land planning agency, in consultation with the regional planning council, agrees in writing is similar in nature, impact, or character to the changes enumerated in sub-subparagraphs a.-k. and that does not

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create the likelihood of any additional regional impact.

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This subsection does not require the filing of a notice of proposed change but requires an application to the local government to amend the development order in accordance with the local government's procedures for amendment of a development order. In accordance with the local government's procedures, including requirements for notice to the applicant and the public, the local government shall either deny the application for amendment or adopt an amendment to the development order which approves the application with or without conditions. Following adoption, the local government shall render to the state land planning agency the amendment to the development order. The state land planning agency may appeal, pursuant to s. 380.07(3), the amendment to the development order if the amendment involves sub-subparagraph g., sub-subparagraph h., sub-subparagraph j., sub-subparagraph k., or sub-subparagraph 1. and if the agency believes that the change creates a reasonable likelihood of new or additional regional impacts.

- 3. Except for the change authorized by sub-subparagraph 2.f., any addition of land not previously reviewed or any change not specified in paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) shall be presumed to create a substantial deviation. This presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.
- 4. Any submittal of a proposed change to a previously approved development must include a description of individual changes previously made to the development, including changes previously approved by the local government. The local government shall consider the previous and current proposed

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changes in deciding whether such changes cumulatively constitute a substantial deviation requiring further development-of-regional-impact review.

- 5. The following changes to an approved development of regional impact shall be presumed to create a substantial deviation. Such presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.
- a. A change proposed for 15 percent or more of the acreage to a land use not previously approved in the development order. Changes of less than 15 percent <u>are shall be</u> presumed not to create a substantial deviation.
- b. Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (b) to the contrary, a proposed change consisting of simultaneous increases and decreases of at least two of the uses within an authorized multiuse development of regional impact which was originally approved with three or more uses specified in s. 380.0651(3)(c) and (d) and residential use.
- 6. If a local government agrees to a proposed change, a change in the transportation proportionate share calculation and mitigation plan in an adopted development order as a result of recalculation of the proportionate share contribution meeting the requirements of s. 163.3180(5)(h) in effect as of the date of such change are shall be presumed not to create a substantial deviation. For purposes of this subsection, the proposed change in the proportionate share calculation or mitigation plan may not be considered an additional regional transportation impact.
- (f)1. The state land planning agency shall establish by rule standard forms for submittal of proposed changes to a previously approved development of regional impact which may

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require further development-of-regional-impact review. At a minimum, the standard form shall require the developer to provide the precise language that the developer proposes to delete or add as an amendment to the development order.

- 2. The developer shall submit, simultaneously, to the local government, the regional planning agency, and the state land planning agency the request for approval of a proposed change.
- 3. No sooner than 30 days but no later than 45 days after submittal by the developer to the local government, the state land planning agency, and the appropriate regional planning agency, the local government shall give 15 days' notice and schedule a public hearing to consider the change that the developer asserts does not create a substantial deviation. This public hearing shall be held within 60 days after submittal of the proposed changes, unless that time is extended by the developer.
- 4. The appropriate regional planning agency or the state land planning agency shall review the proposed change and, no later than 45 days after submittal by the developer of the proposed change, unless that time is extended by the developer, and prior to the public hearing at which the proposed change is to be considered, shall advise the local government in writing whether it objects to the proposed change, shall specify the reasons for its objection, if any, and shall provide a copy to the developer.
- 5. At the public hearing, the local government shall determine whether the proposed change requires further development-of-regional-impact review. The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (e), the thresholds set forth in paragraph

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(b), and the presumptions set forth in paragraphs (c) and (d) and subparagraph (e)3. shall be applicable in determining whether further development-of-regional-impact review is required. The local government may also deny the proposed change based on matters relating to local issues, such as if the land on which the change is sought is plat restricted in a way that would be incompatible with the proposed change, and the local government does not wish to change the plat restriction as part of the proposed change.

6. If the local government determines that the proposed change does not require further development-of-regional-impact review and is otherwise approved, or if the proposed change is not subject to a hearing and determination pursuant to subparagraphs 3. and 5. and is otherwise approved, the local government shall issue an amendment to the development order incorporating the approved change and conditions of approval relating to the change. The requirement that a change be otherwise approved shall not be construed to require additional local review or approval if the change is allowed by applicable local ordinances without further local review or approval. The decision of the local government to approve, with or without conditions, or to deny the proposed change that the developer asserts does not require further review shall be subject to the appeal provisions of s. 380.07. However, the state land planning agency may not appeal the local government decision if it did not comply with subparagraph 4. The state land planning agency may not appeal a change to a development order made pursuant to subparagraph (e) 1. or subparagraph (e) 2. for developments of regional impact approved after January 1, 1980, unless the

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change would result in a significant impact to a regionally significant archaeological, historical, or natural resource not previously identified in the original development-of-regional-impact review.

- (g) If a proposed change requires further development-of-regional-impact review pursuant to this section, the review shall be conducted subject to the following additional conditions:
- 1. The development-of-regional-impact review conducted by the appropriate regional planning agency shall address only those issues raised by the proposed change except as provided in subparagraph 2.
- 2. The <u>state land regional</u> planning agency shall consider, and the local government shall determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the proposed change as it relates to the entire development. If the local government determines that the proposed change, as it relates to the entire development, is unacceptable, the local government shall deny the change.
- 3. If the local government determines that the proposed change should be approved, any new conditions in the amendment to the development order issued by the local government shall address only those issues raised by the proposed change and require mitigation only for the individual and cumulative impacts of the proposed change.
- 4. Development within the previously approved development of regional impact may continue, as approved, during the development-of-regional-impact review in those portions of the development which are not directly affected by the proposed

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(h) When further development-of-regional-impact review is required because a substantial deviation has been determined or admitted by the developer, the amendment to the development order issued by the local government shall be consistent with the requirements of subsection (15) and shall be subject to the hearing and appeal provisions of s. 380.07. The state land planning agency or the appropriate regional planning agency need not participate at the local hearing in order to appeal a local government development order issued pursuant to this paragraph.

- (21) COMPREHENSIVE APPLICATION; MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT ORDER.—
- (b) If a proposed development is planned for development over an extended period of time, the developer may file an application for master development approval of the project and agree to present subsequent increments of the development for preconstruction review. This agreement shall be entered into by the developer, the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency, and the appropriate local government having jurisdiction. The provisions of subsection (9) do not apply to this subsection, except that a developer may elect to utilize the review process established in subsection (9) for review of the increments of a master plan.
- 1. Prior to adoption of the master plan development order, the developer, the landowner, the <u>state land</u> appropriate regional planning agency, and the local government having jurisdiction shall review the draft of the development order to ensure that anticipated regional impacts have been adequately addressed and that information requirements for subsequent incremental application review are clearly defined. The

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development order for a master application shall specify the information which must be submitted with an incremental application and shall identify those issues which can result in the denial of an incremental application.

- 2. The review of subsequent incremental applications shall be limited to that information specifically required and those issues specifically raised by the master development order, unless substantial changes in the conditions underlying the approval of the master plan development order are demonstrated or the master development order is shown to have been based on substantially inaccurate information.
 - (23) ADOPTION OF RULES BY STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY.-
- (a) The state land planning agency shall adopt rules to ensure uniform review of developments of regional impact by the state land planning agency and regional planning agencies under this section. These rules shall be adopted pursuant to chapter 120 and shall include all forms, application content, and review guidelines necessary to implement development-of-regional-impact reviews. The state land planning agency, in consultation with the regional planning agencies, may also designate types of development or areas suitable for development in which reduced information requirements for development-of-regional-impact review shall apply.
- (b) Regional planning agencies shall be subject to rules adopted by the state land planning agency. At the request of a regional planning council, The state land planning agency may adopt by rule different standards for a specific comprehensive planning district upon a finding that the statewide standard is inadequate to protect or promote the regional interest at issue.

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If such a regional standard is adopted by the state land planning agency, the regional standard shall be applied to all pertinent development-of-regional-impact reviews conducted in that region until rescinded.

- (d) The state land planning agency Regional planning agencies that performs perform development-of-regional-impact and Florida Quality Development review is are authorized to assess and collect fees to fund the costs, direct and indirect, of conducting the review process. The state land planning agency shall adopt rules to provide uniform criteria for the assessment and collection of such fees. The rules providing uniform criteria are shall not be subject to rule challenge under s. 120.56(2) or to drawout proceedings under s. 120.54(3)(c)2., but, once adopted, are shall be subject to an invalidity challenge under s. 120.56(3) by substantially affected persons. Until the state land planning agency adopts a rule implementing this paragraph, rules of the regional planning councils currently in effect regarding fees shall remain in effect. Fees may vary in relation to the type and size of a proposed project, but may shall not exceed \$75,000, unless the state land planning agency, after reviewing any disputed expenses charged by the regional planning agency, determines that said expenses were reasonable and necessary for an adequate regional review of the impacts of a project.
 - (24) STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS.-
- (f) Any increase in the seating capacity of an existing sports facility having a permanent seating capacity of at least 50,000 spectators is exempt from this section, provided that such an increase does not increase permanent seating capacity by

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more than 5 percent per year and not to exceed a total of 10 percent in any 5-year period, and provided that the sports facility notifies the appropriate local government within which the facility is located of the increase at least 6 months before the initial use of the increased seating, in order to permit the appropriate local government to develop a traffic management plan for the traffic generated by the increase. Any traffic management plan shall be consistent with the local comprehensive plan, the regional policy plan, and the state comprehensive plan.

If a use is exempt from review as a development of regional impact under paragraphs (a)-(u), but will be part of a larger project that is subject to review as a development of regional impact, the impact of the exempt use must be included in the review of the larger project, unless such exempt use involves a development of regional impact that includes a landowner, tenant, or user that has entered into a funding agreement with the Department of Economic Opportunity under the Innovation Incentive Program and the agreement contemplates a state award of at least \$50 million.

(25) AREAWIDE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT.

(b) A developer may petition for authorization to submit a proposed areawide development of regional impact for a defined planning area in accordance with the following requirements:

 1. A petition shall be submitted to the local government, the regional planning agency, and the state land planning agency.

2. A public hearing or joint public hearing shall be held

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if required by paragraph (e), with appropriate notice, before the affected local government.

- 3. The state land planning agency shall apply the following criteria for evaluating a petition:
- a. Whether the developer is financially capable of processing the application for development approval through final approval pursuant to this section.
- b. Whether the defined planning area and anticipated development therein appear to be of a character, magnitude, and location that a proposed areawide development plan would be in the public interest. Any public interest determination under this criterion is preliminary and not binding on the state land planning agency, regional planning agency, or local government.
- 4. The state land planning agency shall develop and make available standard forms for petitions and applications for development approval for use under this subsection.
- (e) The local government shall schedule a public hearing within 60 days after receipt of the petition. The public hearing shall be advertised at least 30 days prior to the hearing. In addition to the public hearing notice by the local government, the petitioner, except when the petitioner is a local government, shall provide actual notice to each person owning land within the proposed areawide development plan at least 30 days prior to the hearing. If the petitioner is a local government, or local governments pursuant to an interlocal agreement, notice of the public hearing shall be provided by the publication of an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation that meets the requirements of this paragraph. The advertisement must be no less than one-quarter page in a

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standard size or tabloid size newspaper, and the headline in the advertisement must be in type no smaller than 18 point. The advertisement shall not be published in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement must be published in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county and of general interest and readership in the community, not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Whenever possible, the advertisement must appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week, unless the only newspaper in the community is published less than 5 days a week. The advertisement must be in substantially the form used to advertise amendments to comprehensive plans pursuant to s. 163.3184. The local government shall specifically notify in writing the regional planning agency and the state land planning agency at least 30 days prior to the public hearing. At the public hearing, all interested parties may testify and submit evidence regarding the petitioner's qualifications, the need for and benefits of an areawide development of regional impact, and such other issues relevant to a full consideration of the petition. If more than one local government has jurisdiction over the defined planning area in an areawide development plan, the local governments shall hold a joint public hearing. Such hearing shall address, at a minimum, the need to resolve conflicting ordinances or comprehensive plans, if any. The local government holding the joint hearing shall comply with the following additional requirements:

1. The notice of the hearing shall be published at least 60 days in advance of the hearing and shall specify where the

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- 2. The notice shall be given to the state land planning agency, to the applicable regional planning agency, and to such other persons as may have been designated by the state land planning agency as entitled to receive such notices.
- 3. A public hearing date shall be set by the appropriate local government at the next scheduled meeting.
- (h) The petitioner, an owner of property within the defined planning area, the appropriate regional planning agency by vote at a regularly scheduled meeting, or the state land planning agency may appeal the decision of the local government to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission by filing a notice of appeal with the commission. The procedures established in s. 380.07 shall be followed for such an appeal.
- (j) In reviewing an application for a proposed areawide development of regional impact, the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency shall evaluate, and the local government shall consider, the following criteria, in addition to any other criteria set forth in this section:
- 1. Whether the developer has demonstrated its legal, financial, and administrative ability to perform any commitments it has made in the application for a proposed areawide development of regional impact.
- 2. Whether the developer has demonstrated that all property owners within the defined planning area consent or do not object to the proposed areawide development of regional impact.
- 3. Whether the area and the anticipated development are consistent with the applicable local, regional, and state comprehensive plans, except as provided for in paragraph (k).

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(27) RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER A DEVELOPMENT ORDER.—If a developer or owner is in doubt as to his or her rights, responsibilities, and obligations under a development order and the development order does not clearly define his or her rights, responsibilities, and obligations, the developer or owner may request participation in resolving the dispute through a the dispute resolution process outlined in s. 186.509. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall be notified by certified mail of any meeting held under the process provided for by this subsection at least 5 days before the meeting.

- Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection (5) of section 380.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

 380.061 The Florida Quality Developments program.—
- (3) (a) To be eligible for designation under this program, the developer shall comply with each of the following requirements if applicable to the site of a qualified development:
- 1. Donate or enter into a binding commitment to donate the fee or a lesser interest sufficient to protect, in perpetuity, the natural attributes of the types of land listed below. In lieu of this requirement, the developer may enter into a binding commitment that runs with the land to set aside such areas on the property, in perpetuity, as open space to be retained in a natural condition or as otherwise permitted under this subparagraph. Under the requirements of this subparagraph, the developer may reserve the right to use such areas for passive recreation that is consistent with the purposes for which the land was preserved.

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a. Those wetlands and water bodies throughout the state which would be delineated if the provisions of s. 373.4145(1)(b) were applied. The developer may use such areas for the purpose of site access, provided other routes of access are unavailable or impracticable; may use such areas for the purpose of stormwater or domestic sewage management and other necessary utilities if such uses are permitted pursuant to chapter 403; or may redesign or alter wetlands and water bodies within the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection which have been artificially created if the redesign or alteration is done so as to produce a more naturally functioning system.

- b. Active beach or primary and, where appropriate, secondary dunes, to maintain the integrity of the dune system and adequate public accessways to the beach. However, the developer may retain the right to construct and maintain elevated walkways over the dunes to provide access to the beach.
- c. Known archaeological sites determined to be of significance by the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State.
- d. Areas known to be important to animal species designated as endangered or threatened by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, for reproduction, feeding, or nesting; for traveling between such areas used for reproduction, feeding, or nesting; or for escape from predation.
- e. Areas known to contain plant species designated as endangered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
 - 2. Produce, or dispose of, no substances designated as

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hazardous or toxic substances by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Protection, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. This subparagraph does not apply to the production of these substances in nonsignificant amounts as would occur through household use or incidental use by businesses.

- 3. Participate in a downtown reuse or redevelopment program to improve and rehabilitate a declining downtown area.
- 4. Incorporate no dredge and fill activities in, and no stormwater discharge into, waters designated as Class II, aquatic preserves, or Outstanding Florida Waters, except as permitted pursuant to s. 403.813(1), and the developer demonstrates that those activities meet the standards under Class II waters, Outstanding Florida Waters, or aquatic preserves, as applicable.
- 5. Include open space, recreation areas, Florida-friendly landscaping as defined in s. 373.185, and energy conservation and minimize impermeable surfaces as appropriate to the location and type of project.
- 6. Provide for construction and maintenance of all onsite infrastructure necessary to support the project and enter into a binding commitment with the local government to provide an appropriate fair-share contribution toward the offsite impacts that the development will impose on publicly funded facilities and services, except offsite transportation, and condition or phase the commencement of development to ensure that public facilities and services, except offsite transportation, are available concurrent with the impacts of the development. For the purposes of offsite transportation impacts, the developer

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must shall comply, at a minimum, with the standards of the state land planning agency's development-of-regional-impact transportation rule, the approved strategic regional policy plan, any applicable regional planning council transportation rule, and the approved local government comprehensive plan and land development regulations adopted pursuant to part II of chapter 163.

- 7. Design and construct the development in a manner that is consistent with the adopted state plan, the applicable strategic regional policy plan, and the applicable adopted local government comprehensive plan.
- (5) (a) Before filing an application for development designation, the developer shall contact the Department of Economic Opportunity to arrange one or more preapplication conferences with the other reviewing entities. Upon the request of the developer or any of the reviewing entities, other affected state or regional agencies shall participate in this conference. The department, in coordination with the local government with jurisdiction and the regional planning council, shall provide the developer information about the Florida Quality Developments designation process and the use of preapplication conferences to identify issues, coordinate appropriate state, regional, and local agency requirements, fully address any concerns of the local government, the regional planning council, and other reviewing agencies and the meeting of those concerns, if applicable, through development order conditions, and otherwise promote a proper, efficient, and timely review of the proposed Florida Quality Development. The department shall take the lead in coordinating the review

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(b) The developer shall submit the application to the state land planning agency, the appropriate regional planning agency, and the appropriate local government for review. The review shall be conducted under the time limits and procedures set forth in s. 120.60, except that the 90-day time limit shall cease to run when the state land planning agency and the local government have notified the applicant of their decision on whether the development should be designated under this program.

- (c) At any time <u>before</u> prior to the issuance of the Florida Quality Development development order, the developer of a proposed Florida Quality Development <u>has</u> shall have the right to withdraw the proposed project from consideration as a Florida Quality Development. The developer may elect to convert the proposed project to a proposed development of regional impact. The conversion shall be in the form of a letter to the reviewing entities stating the developer's intent to seek authorization for the development as a development of regional impact under s. 380.06. If a proposed Florida Quality Development converts to a development of regional impact, the developer shall resubmit the appropriate application and the development shall be subject to all applicable procedures under s. 380.06, except that:
- 1. A preapplication conference held under paragraph (a) satisfies the preapplication procedures requirement under s. 380.06(7); and
- 2. If requested in the withdrawal letter, a finding of completeness of the application under paragraph (a) and s.
 120.60 may be converted to a finding of sufficiency by the state land regional planning agency council if such a conversion is

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approved by the state land regional planning agency council.

The <u>state land regional</u> planning <u>agency council</u> shall have 30 days to notify the developer if the request for conversion of completeness to sufficiency is granted or denied. If granted and the application is found sufficient, the <u>state land regional</u> planning <u>agency council</u> shall notify the local government that a public hearing date may be set to consider the development for approval as a development of regional impact, and the development shall be subject to all applicable rules, standards, and procedures of s. 380.06. If the request for conversion of completeness to sufficiency is denied, the developer shall resubmit the appropriate application for review and the development shall be subject to all applicable procedures under s. 380.06, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph.

(d) If the local government and state land planning agency agree that the project should be designated under this program, the state land planning agency shall issue a development order which incorporates the plan of development as set out in the application along with any agreed-upon modifications and conditions, based on recommendations by the local government and regional planning council, and a certification that the development is designated as one of Florida's Quality Developments. In the event of conflicting recommendations, the state land planning agency, after consultation with the local government and the regional planning agency, shall resolve such conflicts in the development order. Upon designation, the development, as approved, is exempt from development-of-regional-impact review pursuant to s. 380.06.

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(e) If the local government or state land planning agency, or both, recommends against designation, the development shall undergo development-of-regional-impact review pursuant to s. 380.06, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section.

Section 12. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 380.065, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

380.065 Certification of local government review of development.—

- (1) By petition to the Administration Commission, a local government may request certification to review developments of regional impact that are located within the jurisdiction in lieu of the regional review requirements set forth in s. 380.06. Such petitions may shall not be accepted by the commission until the state comprehensive plan has and the strategic regional policy plan have been adopted pursuant to chapter 186. Once certified, the development-of-regional-impact provisions of s. 380.06 are shall not be applicable within such jurisdiction.
- (5) Upon revocation of certification, developments of regional impact shall be reviewed by the <u>state land regional</u> planning agency <u>designated development-of-regional-impact review responsibilities for the region in which the local government is located, pursuant to s. 380.06.</u>

Section 13. Subsections (3) and (6) of section 403.7225, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.7225 Local hazardous waste management assessments.-

(3) Each county or regional planning council shall coordinate the local hazardous waste management assessments within its jurisdiction according to guidelines established under s. 403.7226. If a county declines to perform the local

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hazardous waste management assessment, the county shall make arrangements with the department its regional planning council to perform the assessment.

- (6) Unless performed by the county pursuant to subsection (3), the <u>department</u> regional planning councils shall upon successful arrangements with a county:
- (a) Perform local hazardous waste management assessments; and
- (b) Provide any technical expertise needed by the counties in developing the assessments.

Section 14. Subsection (2) of section 403.723, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.723 Siting of hazardous waste facilities.—It is the intent of the Legislature to facilitate siting of proper hazardous waste storage facilities in each region and any additional storage, treatment, or disposal facilities as required. The Legislature recognizes the need for facilitating disposal of waste produced by small generators, reducing the volume of wastes generated in the state, reducing the toxicity of wastes generated in the state, and providing treatment and disposal facilities in the state.

(2) After each county designates areas for storage facilities, the department each regional planning council shall designate one or more sites at which a regional hazardous waste storage or treatment facility could be constructed.

Section 15. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1013.372, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1013.372 Education facilities as emergency shelters.—

(1) The Department of Education shall, in consultation with

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boards and county and state emergency management offices, include within the standards to be developed under this subsection public shelter design criteria to be incorporated into the Florida Building Code. The new criteria must be designed to ensure that appropriate new educational facilities can serve as public shelters for emergency management purposes. A facility, or an appropriate area within a facility, for which a design contract is entered into after the effective date of the inclusion of the public shelter criteria in the code must be built in compliance with the amended code unless the facility or a part of it is exempted from using the new shelter criteria due to its location, size, or other characteristics by the applicable board with the concurrence of the applicable local emergency management agency or the Division of Emergency Management. Any educational facility located or proposed to be located in an identified category 1, 2, or 3 evacuation zone is not subject to the requirements of this subsection. If the regional planning council region in which the county is located does not have a hurricane evacuation shelter deficit, as determined by the Division of Emergency Management, educational facilities within the county planning council region are not required to incorporate the public shelter criteria.

(2) By January 31 of each even-numbered year, the Division of Emergency Management shall prepare and submit a statewide emergency shelter plan to the Governor and the Cabinet for approval. The plan must identify the general location and square footage of existing shelters, by county regional planning council region, and the general location and square footage of needed shelters, by county regional planning council region,

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during the next 5 years. The plan must identify the types of public facilities that should be constructed to comply with emergency-shelter criteria and must recommend an appropriate and available source of funding for the additional cost of constructing emergency shelters within these public facilities. After the approval of the plan, a board may not be required to build more emergency-shelter space than identified as needed in the plan, and decisions pertaining to exemptions pursuant to subsection (1) must be guided by the plan.

Section 16. Subsection (4) of section 1013.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.74 University authorization for fixed capital outlay projects.—

(4) The university board of trustees shall, in consultation with local and state emergency management agencies, assess existing facilities to identify the extent to which each campus has public hurricane evacuation shelter space. The board shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature by August 1 of each year a 5-year capital improvements program that identifies new or retrofitted facilities that will incorporate enhanced hurricane resistance standards and that can be used as public hurricane evacuation shelters. Enhanced hurricane resistance standards include fixed passive protection for window and door applications to provide mitigation protection, security protection with egress, and energy efficiencies that meet standards required in the 130-mile-per-hour wind zone areas. The board must also submit proposed facility retrofit projects to the Division of Emergency Management for assessment and inclusion in the annual report prepared in accordance with s.

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1451 252.385(3). Until a county regional planning council region in 1452 which a campus is located has sufficient public hurricane 1453 evacuation shelter space, any campus building for which a design 1454 contract is entered into subsequent to July 1, 2001, and which 1455 has been identified by the board, with the concurrence of the 1456 local emergency management agency or the Division of Emergency 1457 Management, to be appropriate for use as a public hurricane evacuation shelter, must be constructed in accordance with 1458 1459 public shelter standards.

Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 68.082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

68.082 False claims against the state; definitions; liability.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (f) "State" means the government of the state or any department, division, bureau, commission, regional planning agency, board, district, authority, agency, or other instrumentality of the state.

Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 120.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.52 Definitions.—As used in this act:

- (1) "Agency" means the following officers or governmental entities if acting pursuant to powers other than those derived from the constitution:
- (a) The Governor; each state officer and state department, and each departmental unit described in s. 20.04; the Board of Governors of the State University System; the Commission on Ethics; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; a regional water supply authority; a regional planning agency; a

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multicounty special district, but only if a majority of its governing board is comprised of nonelected persons; educational units; and each entity described in chapters 163, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504.

This definition does not include a municipality or legal entity created solely by a municipality; a legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to part II of chapter 361; a metropolitan planning organization created pursuant to s. 339.175; a separate legal or administrative entity created pursuant to s. 339.175 of which a metropolitan planning organization is a member; an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348 or any transportation authority or commission under chapter 343 or chapter 349; or a legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01(7), unless any party to such agreement is otherwise an agency as defined in this subsection.

Section 19. Subsection (9) of section 120.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.65 Administrative law judges.-

(9) The division shall be reimbursed for administrative law judge services and travel expenses by the following entities: water management districts, regional planning councils, school districts, community colleges, the Division of Florida Colleges, state universities, the Board of Governors of the State University System, the State Board of Education, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Commission for Independent Education. These entities shall contract with the division to establish a contract rate for services and

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provisions for reimbursement of administrative law judge travel expenses and video teleconferencing expenses attributable to hearings conducted on behalf of these entities. The contract rate must be based on a total-cost-recovery methodology.

Section 20. Paragraph (h) of subsection (6) of section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 163.3177 Required and optional elements of comprehensive plan; studies and surveys.—
- (6) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1)-(5), the comprehensive plan shall include the following elements:
- (h) 1. An intergovernmental coordination element showing relationships and stating principles and guidelines to be used in coordinating the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of school boards, regional water supply authorities, and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land, with the comprehensive plans of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, with the state comprehensive plan and with the applicable regional water supply plan approved pursuant to s. 373.709, as the case may require and as such adopted plans or plans in preparation may exist. This element of the local comprehensive plan must demonstrate consideration of the particular effects of the local plan, when adopted, upon the development of adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, or the region, or upon the state comprehensive plan, as the case may require.
- a. The intergovernmental coordination element must provide procedures for identifying and implementing joint planning areas, especially for the purpose of annexation, municipal

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incorporation, and joint infrastructure service areas.

- b. The intergovernmental coordination element shall provide for a dispute resolution process, as established pursuant to s. 186.509, for bringing intergovernmental disputes to closure in a timely manner.
- c. The intergovernmental coordination element shall provide for interlocal agreements as established pursuant to s. $333.03(1) \, (b)$.
- 2. The intergovernmental coordination element shall also state principles and guidelines to be used in coordinating the adopted comprehensive plan with the plans of school boards and other units of local government providing facilities and services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land. In addition, the intergovernmental coordination element must describe joint processes for collaborative planning and decisionmaking on population projections and public school siting, the location and extension of public facilities subject to concurrency, and siting facilities with countywide significance, including locally unwanted land uses whose nature and identity are established in an agreement.
- 3. Within 1 year after adopting their intergovernmental coordination elements, each county, all the municipalities within that county, the district school board, and any unit of local government service providers in that county shall establish by interlocal or other formal agreement executed by all affected entities, the joint processes described in this subparagraph consistent with their adopted intergovernmental coordination elements. The agreement must:
 - a. Ensure that the local government addresses through

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coordination mechanisms the impacts of development proposed in the local comprehensive plan upon development in adjacent municipalities, the county, adjacent counties, the region, and the state. The area of concern for municipalities shall include adjacent municipalities, the county, and counties adjacent to the municipality. The area of concern for counties shall include all municipalities within the county, adjacent counties, and adjacent municipalities.

b. Ensure coordination in establishing level of service standards for public facilities with any state, regional, or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities.

Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 163.3178, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3178 Coastal management.

(5) A The appropriate dispute resolution process provided under s. 186.509 must be used to reconcile inconsistencies between port master plans and local comprehensive plans. In recognition of the state's commitment to deepwater ports, the state comprehensive plan must include goals, objectives, and policies that establish a statewide strategy for enhancement of existing deepwater ports, ensuring that priority is given to water-dependent land uses. As an incentive for promoting plan consistency, port facilities as defined in s. 315.02(6) on lands owned or controlled by a deepwater port as defined in s. 311.09(1), as of the effective date of this act are shall not be subject to development-of-regional-impact review provided the port either successfully completes an alternative comprehensive development agreement with a local government pursuant to ss.

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163.3220-163.3243 or successfully enters into a development agreement with the state land planning agency and applicable local government pursuant to s. 380.032 or, where the port is a department of a local government, successfully enters into a development agreement with the state land planning agency pursuant to s. 380.032. Port facilities as defined in s. 315.02(6) on lands not owned or controlled by a deepwater port as defined in s. 311.09(1) as of the effective date of this act are shall not be subject to development-of-regional-impact review provided the port successfully enters into a development agreement with the state land planning agency and applicable local government pursuant to s. 380.032 or, where the port is a department of a local government, successfully enters into a development agreement with the state land planning agency pursuant to s. 380.032.

Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 163.3184, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

163.3184 Process for adoption of comprehensive plan or plan amendment.—

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (c) "Reviewing agencies" means:
- 1. The state land planning agency;
- 2. The appropriate regional planning council;
- 2.3. The appropriate water management district;
- 1621 3.4. The Department of Environmental Protection;
- 1622 4.5. The Department of State;
- 1623 5.6. The Department of Transportation;
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schools, the Department of Education;

- 7.8. In the case of plans or plan amendments that affect a military installation listed in s. 163.3175, the commanding officer of the affected military installation;
- 8.9. In the case of county plans and plan amendments, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and
- 9.10. In the case of municipal plans and plan amendments, the county in which the municipality is located.
- (3) EXPEDITED STATE REVIEW PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS.—
- (b)1. The local government, after the initial public hearing held pursuant to subsection (11), shall transmit within 10 working days the amendment or amendments and appropriate supporting data and analyses to the reviewing agencies. The local governing body shall also transmit a copy of the amendments and supporting data and analyses to any other local government or governmental agency that has filed a written request with the governing body.
- 2. The reviewing agencies and any other local government or governmental agency specified in subparagraph 1. may provide comments regarding the amendment or amendments to the local government. State agencies shall only comment on important state resources and facilities that will be adversely impacted by the amendment if adopted. Comments provided by state agencies shall state with specificity how the plan amendment will adversely impact an important state resource or facility and shall identify measures the local government may take to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the adverse impacts. Such comments, if not

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resolved, may result in a challenge by the state land planning agency to the plan amendment. Agencies and local governments must transmit their comments to the affected local government such that they are received by the local government not later than 30 days after the date on which the agency or government received the amendment or amendments. Reviewing agencies shall also send a copy of their comments to the state land planning agency.

- 3. Comments to the local government from a $\frac{\text{regional}}{\text{planning council}_{r}}$ county or municipality shall be limited as follows:
- a. The regional planning council review and comments shall be limited to adverse effects on regional resources or facilities identified in the strategic regional policy plan and extrajurisdictional impacts that would be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan of any affected local government within the region. A regional planning council may not review and comment on a proposed comprehensive plan amendment prepared by such council unless the plan amendment has been changed by the local government subsequent to the preparation of the plan amendment by the regional planning council.
- $\underline{\text{a.b.}}$ County comments shall be in the context of the relationship and effect of the proposed plan amendments on the county plan.
- $\underline{\text{b.c.}}$ Municipal comments shall be in the context of the relationship and effect of the proposed plan amendments on the municipal plan.
- $\underline{\text{c.d.}}$ Military installation comments shall be provided in accordance with s. 163.3175.

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4. Comments to the local government from state agencies shall be limited to the following subjects as they relate to important state resources and facilities that will be adversely impacted by the amendment if adopted:

- a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall limit its comments to the subjects of air and water pollution; wetlands and other surface waters of the state; federal and state-owned lands and interest in lands, including state parks, greenways and trails, and conservation easements; solid waste; water and wastewater treatment; and the Everglades ecosystem restoration.
- b. The Department of State shall limit its comments to the subjects of historic and archaeological resources.
- c. The Department of Transportation shall limit its comments to issues within the agency's jurisdiction as it relates to transportation resources and facilities of state importance.
- d. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall limit its comments to subjects relating to fish and wildlife habitat and listed species and their habitat.
- e. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall limit its comments to the subjects of agriculture, forestry, and aquaculture issues.
- f. The Department of Education shall limit its comments to the subject of public school facilities.
- g. The appropriate water management district shall limit its comments to flood protection and floodplain management, wetlands and other surface waters, and regional water supply.
 - h. The state land planning agency shall limit its comments

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to important state resources and facilities outside the jurisdiction of other commenting state agencies and may include comments on countervailing planning policies and objectives served by the plan amendment that should be balanced against potential adverse impacts to important state resources and facilities.

Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 163.3245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3245 Sector plans.-

(2) Upon The request of a local government having jurisdiction, the applicable regional planning council shall conduct a scoping meeting with affected local governments and those agencies identified in s. 163.3184(1)(c) before preparation of the sector plan. The purpose of this meeting is to assist the state land planning agency and the local government in the identification of the relevant planning issues to be addressed and the data and resources available to assist in the preparation of the sector plan. If a scoping meeting is conducted, the regional planning council shall make written recommendations to the state land planning agency and affected local governments on the issues requested by the local government. The scoping meeting shall be noticed and open to the public. If the entire planning area proposed for the sector plan is within the jurisdiction of two or more local governments, some or all of them may enter into a joint planning agreement pursuant to s. 163.3171 with respect to the geographic area to be subject to the sector plan, the planning issues that will be emphasized, procedures for intergovernmental coordination to address extrajurisdictional impacts, supporting application

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materials including data and analysis, procedures for public participation, or other issues.

Section 24. Subsection (11) of section 163.3246, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 163.3246 Local government comprehensive planning certification program.—
- (11) If the local government of an area described in subsection (10) does not request that the state land planning agency review the developments of regional impact that are proposed within the certified area, an application for approval of a development order within the certified area shall be exempt from review under s. 380.06., subject to the following:
- (a) Concurrent with filing an application for development approval with the local government, a developer proposing a project that would have been subject to review pursuant to s. 380.06 shall notify in writing the regional planning council with jurisdiction.
- (b) The regional planning council shall coordinate with The developer and the local government shall coordinate with the parties to ensure that all concurrency requirements as well as federal, state, and local environmental permit requirements are met.

Section 25. Subsection (4) of section 163.3248, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3248 Rural land stewardship areas.—

(4) A local government or one or more property owners may request assistance and participation in the development of a plan for the rural land stewardship area from the state land planning agency, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer

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Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, the appropriate water management district, the Department of Transportation, the regional planning council, private land owners, and stakeholders.

Section 26. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section 163.568, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.568 Purposes and powers.-

- (2) The authority is granted the authority to exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including, but not limited to, the following rights and powers:
- (i) To develop transportation plans, and to coordinate its planning and programs with those of appropriate municipal, county, and state agencies and other political subdivisions of the state. All transportation plans are subject to review and approval by the Department of Transportation and by the regional planning agency, if any, for consistency with programs or planning for the area and region.

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 164.1031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

164.1031 Definitions.—For purposes of this act:

(2) "Regional governmental entities" includes regional planning councils, metropolitan planning organizations, water supply authorities that include more than one county, local health councils, water management districts, and other regional entities that are authorized and created by general or special law that have duties or responsibilities extending beyond the jurisdiction of a single county.

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Section 28. Subsection (7) of section 186.006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

186.006 Powers and responsibilities of Executive Office of the Governor.—For the purpose of establishing consistency and uniformity in the state and regional planning process and in order to ensure that the intent of ss. 186.001-186.031 and 186.801-186.901 is accomplished, the Executive Office of the Governor shall:

(7) Act as the state clearinghouse and designate the regional planning councils as the regional data clearinghouses.

Section 29. Subsections (7) and (8) of section 186.007, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

186.007 State comprehensive plan; preparation; revision.-

- (7) In preparing and revising the state comprehensive plan, the Executive Office of the Governor shall, to the extent feasible, consider studies, reports, and plans of each department, agency, and institution of state and local government, each regional planning agency, and the Federal Government and shall take into account the existing and prospective resources, capabilities, and needs of state and local levels of government.
- (8) The revision of the state comprehensive plan is a continuing process. Each section of the plan shall be reviewed and analyzed biennially by the Executive Office of the Governor in conjunction with the planning officers of other state agencies significantly affected by the provisions of the particular section under review. In conducting this review and analysis, the Executive Office of the Governor shall review and consider, with the assistance of the state land planning agency

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and regional planning councils, the evaluation and appraisal reports prepared pursuant to s. 186.511. Any necessary revisions of the state comprehensive plan shall be proposed by the Governor in a written report and be accompanied by an explanation of the need for such changes. If the Governor determines that changes are unnecessary, the written report must explain why changes are unnecessary. The proposed revisions and accompanying explanations may be submitted in the report required by s. 186.031. Any proposed revisions to the plan shall be submitted to the Legislature as provided in s. 186.008(2) at least 30 days before prior to the regular legislative session occurring in each even-numbered year.

Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 186.008, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

186.008 State comprehensive plan; revision; implementation.—

(1) On or before October 1 of every odd-numbered year, the Executive Office of the Governor shall prepare, and the Governor shall recommend to the Administration Commission, any proposed revisions to the state comprehensive plan deemed necessary. The Governor shall transmit his or her recommendations and explanation as required by s. 186.007(8). Copies shall also be provided to each state agency, to each regional planning agency, to any other unit of government that requests a copy, and to any member of the public who requests a copy.

Section 31. Section 186.803, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

186.803 Use of geographic information by governmental entities.—When state agencies, water management districts,

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regional planning councils, local governments, and other governmental entities use maps, including geographic information maps and other graphic information materials, as the source of data for planning or any other purposes, they must take into account that the accuracy and reliability of such maps and data may be limited by various factors, including the scale of the maps, the timeliness and accuracy of the underlying information, the availability of more accurate site-specific information, and the presence or absence of ground truthing or peer review of the underlying information contained in such maps and other graphic information. This section does not apply to maps adopted pursuant to part II of chapter 163.

Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (20) of section 187.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

187.201 State Comprehensive Plan adopted.—The Legislature hereby adopts as the State Comprehensive Plan the following specific goals and policies:

- (20) GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY.-
- (b) Policies.-
- 1. Encourage greater cooperation between, among, and within all levels of Florida government through the use of appropriate interlocal agreements and mutual participation for mutual benefit.
- 2. Allow the creation of independent special taxing districts which have uniform general law standards and procedures and do not overburden other governments and their taxpayers while preventing the proliferation of independent special taxing districts which do not meet these standards.
 - 3. Encourage the use of municipal services taxing units and

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other dependent special districts to provide needed infrastructure where the fiscal capacity exists to support such an approach.

- 4. Eliminate regulatory activities that are not tied to specific public and natural resource protection needs.
- 5. Eliminate needless duplication of, and promote cooperation in, governmental activities between, among, and within state, regional, county, city, and other governmental units.
- 6. Ensure, wherever possible, that the geographic boundaries of water management districts, regional planning councils, and substate districts of the executive departments shall be coterminous for related state or agency programs and functions and promote interagency agreements in order to reduce the number of districts and councils with jurisdiction in any one county.
- 7. Encourage and provide for the restructuring of city and county political jurisdictions with the goals of greater efficiency and high-quality and more equitable and responsive public service programs.
- 8. Replace multiple, small scale, economically inefficient local public facilities with regional facilities where they are proven to be more economical, particularly in terms of energy efficiency, and yet can retain the quality of service expected by the public.
- 9. Encourage greater efficiency and economy at all levels of government through adoption and implementation of effective records management, information management, and evaluation procedures.

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10. Throughout government, establish citizen management efficiency groups and internal management groups to make recommendations for greater operating efficiencies and improved management practices.

- 11. Encourage governments to seek outside contracting on a competitive-bid basis when cost-effective and appropriate.
- 12. Discourage undue expansion of state government and make every effort to streamline state government in a cost-effective manner.
- 13. Encourage joint venture solutions to mutual problems between levels of government and private enterprise.

Section 33. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 218.32, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

218.32 Annual financial reports; local governmental entities.—

(1)

- (c) Each regional planning council created under s. 186.504, Each local government finance commission, board, or council, and each municipal power corporation created as a separate legal or administrative entity by interlocal agreement under s. 163.01(7) shall submit to the department a copy of its audit report and an annual financial report for the previous fiscal year in a format prescribed by the department.
- (2) The department shall annually by December 1 file a verified report with the Governor, the Legislature, the Auditor General, and the Special District Accountability Program of the Department of Economic Opportunity showing the revenues, both locally derived and derived from intergovernmental transfers, and the expenditures of each local governmental entity, regional

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planning council, local government finance commission, and municipal power corporation that is required to submit an annual financial report. The report must include, but is not limited to:

- (a) The total revenues and expenditures of each local governmental entity that is a component unit included in the annual financial report of the reporting entity.
- (b) The amount of outstanding long-term debt by each local governmental entity. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "long-term debt" means any agreement or series of agreements to pay money, which, at inception, contemplate terms of payment exceeding 1 year in duration.

Section 34. Section 253.7828, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.7828 Impairment of use or conservation by agencies prohibited.—All agencies of the state, regional planning councils, water management districts, and local governments shall recognize the special character of the lands and waters designated by the state as the Cross Florida Greenways State Recreation and Conservation Area and may shall not take any action which will impair its use and conservation.

Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 258.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

258.501 Myakka River; wild and scenic segment.-

- (7) MANAGEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL.-
- (a) Upon designation, the department shall create a permanent council to provide interagency and intergovernmental coordination in the management of the river. The coordinating council shall be composed of one representative appointed from

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each of the following: the department, the Department of Transportation, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Manatee County, Sarasota County, Charlotte County, the City of Sarasota, the City of North Port, agricultural interests, environmental organizations, and any others deemed advisable by the department.

Section 36. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 260.0142, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

260.0142 Florida Greenways and Trails Council; composition; powers and duties.—

- (1) There is created within the department the Florida Greenways and Trails Council which shall advise the department in the execution of the department's powers and duties under this chapter. The council shall be composed of $\underline{19}$ $\underline{20}$ members, consisting of:
- (a)1. Five members appointed by the Governor, with two members representing the trail user community, two members representing the greenway user community, and one member representing private landowners.
- 2. Three members appointed by the President of the Senate, with one member representing the trail user community and two members representing the greenway user community.
- 3. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with two members representing the trail user

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community and one member representing the greenway user community.

Those eligible to represent the trail user community shall be chosen from, but not be limited to, paved trail users, hikers, off-road bicyclists, users of off-highway vehicles, paddlers, equestrians, disabled outdoor recreational users, and commercial recreational interests. Those eligible to represent the greenway user community shall be chosen from, but not be limited to, conservation organizations, nature study organizations, and scientists and university experts.

- (b) The 8 $\frac{9}{}$ remaining members shall include:
- 1. The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a designee.
- 2. The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a designee.
 - 3. The Secretary of Transportation or a designee.
- 4. The Director of the Florida Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or a designee.
- 5. The director of the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State or a designee.
- 6. A representative of the water management districts. Membership on the council shall rotate among the five districts. The districts shall determine the order of rotation.
- 7. A representative of a federal land management agency. The Secretary of Environmental Protection shall identify the appropriate federal agency and request designation of a representative from the agency to serve on the council.
- 8. A representative of the regional planning councils to be appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Protection.

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Membership on the council shall rotate among the seven regional planning councils. The regional planning councils shall determine the order of rotation.

- 8.9. A representative of local governments to be appointed by the Secretary of Environmental Protection. Membership shall alternate between a county representative and a municipal representative.
- (3) The term of all appointees shall be for 2 years unless otherwise specified. The appointees of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may be reappointed for no more than four consecutive terms. The representatives of the water management districts, regional planning councils, and local governments may be reappointed for no more than two consecutive terms. All other appointees shall serve until replaced.

Section 37. Section 260.018, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

260.018 Agency recognition.—All agencies of the state, regional planning councils through their comprehensive plans, and local governments through their local comprehensive planning process pursuant to chapter 163 shall recognize the special character of publicly owned lands and waters designated by the state as greenways and trails and may shall not take any action which will impair their use as designated. Identification of lands or waterways in planning materials, maps, data, and other information developed or used in the greenways and trails program may shall not be cause for such lands or waterways to be subject to this section, unless such lands or waterways have been designated as a part of the statewide system of greenways

18-00642A-15 2015484 2060 and trails pursuant to s. 260.016(2)(d). 2061 Section 38. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 2062 288.0656, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2063 288.0656 Rural Economic Development Initiative. -2064 (6)(a) By August 1 of each year, the head of each of the 2065 following agencies and organizations shall designate a deputy 2066 secretary or higher-level staff person from within the agency or 2067 organization to serve as the REDI representative for the agency 2068 or organization: 2069 1. The Department of Transportation. 2070 2. The Department of Environmental Protection. 2071 3. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. 2072 4. The Department of State. 2073 5. The Department of Health. 2074 6. The Department of Children and Families. 2075 7. The Department of Corrections. 2076 8. The Department of Education. 2077 9. The Department of Juvenile Justice. 2078 10. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. 2079 11. Each water management district. 2080 12. Enterprise Florida, Inc. 2081 13. Workforce Florida, Inc. 2082 14. VISIT Florida. 2083 15. The Florida Regional Planning Council Association. 2084 15.16. The Agency for Health Care Administration. 2085 16.17. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences 2086 (IFAS). 2087

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An alternate for each designee shall also be chosen, and the

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names of the designees and alternates shall be sent to the executive director of the department.

Section 39. Subsection (2), paragraph (c) of subsection (4), and subsections (8) and (9) of section 288.975, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.975 Military base reuse plans.-

- (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Affected local government" means a local government adjoining the host local government and any other unit of local government that is not a host local government but that is identified in a proposed military base reuse plan as providing, operating, or maintaining one or more public facilities as defined in s. 163.3164 on lands within or serving a military base designated for closure by the Federal Government.
- (b) "Affected person" means a host local government; an affected local government; any state, regional, or federal agency; or a person who resides, owns property, or owns or operates a business within the boundaries of a host local government or affected local government.
- (c) "Base reuse activities" means development as defined in s. 380.04 on a military base designated for closure or closed by the Federal Government.
- (d) "Host local government" means a local government within the jurisdiction of which all or part of a military base designated for closure by the Federal Government is located. This shall not include a county if no part of a military base is located in its unincorporated area.
- (e) "Military base" means a military base designated for closure or closed by the Federal Government.

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(f) "Regional policy plan" means a strategic regional policy plan that has been adopted by rule by a regional planning council pursuant to s. 186.508.

 $\underline{\text{(f)}}$ "State comprehensive plan" means the plan as provided in chapter 187.

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- (c) Military base reuse plans shall identify projected impacts to significant regional resources and natural resources of regional significance as identified by applicable regional planning councils in their regional policy plans and the actions that shall be taken to mitigate such impacts.
- (8) At the request of a host local government, the department shall coordinate a presubmission workshop concerning a military base reuse plan within the boundaries of the host jurisdiction. Agencies that shall participate in the workshop shall include any affected local governments; the Department of Environmental Protection; the department; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Health; the Department of Children and Families; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the Department of State; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and any applicable water management districts and regional planning councils. The purposes of the workshop shall be to assist the host local government to understand issues of concern to the above listed entities pertaining to the military base site and to identify opportunities for better coordination of planning and review efforts with the information and analyses generated by the federal environmental impact statement process and the federal community base reuse planning process.

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(9) If a host local government elects to use the optional provisions of this act, it shall, no later than 12 months after notifying the agencies of its intent pursuant to subsection (3) either:

- (a) Send a copy of the proposed military base reuse plan for review to any affected local governments; the Department of Environmental Protection; the department; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Health; the Department of Children and Families; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the Department of State; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and any applicable water management districts and regional planning councils, or
- (b) Petition the department for an extension of the deadline for submitting a proposed reuse plan. Such an extension request must be justified by changes or delays in the closure process by the federal Department of Defense or for reasons otherwise deemed to promote the orderly and beneficial planning of the subject military base reuse. The department may grant extensions to the required submission date of the reuse plan.

Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (26) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 320.08058 Specialty license plates.
- (26) TAMPA BAY ESTUARY LICENSE PLATES.-
- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program created by s. 163.01.
- 1. A maximum of 5 percent of such fees may be used for marketing the plate.
 - 2. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee,

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not to exceed \$50,000, shall be provided to the Tampa Bay
Regional Planning Council for activities of the Agency on Bay
Management implementing the Council/Agency Action Plan for the
restoration of the Tampa Bay estuary, as approved by the Tampa
Bay Estuary Program Policy Board.

2.3. The remaining proceeds must be used to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Tampa Bay, pursuant to priorities approved by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Policy Board.

Section 41. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 335.188, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

335.188 Access management standards; access control classification system; criteria.—

- (3) The control classification system shall be developed consistent with the following:
- (b) The access control classification system shall be developed in cooperation with counties, municipalities, the state land planning agency, regional planning councils, metropolitan planning organizations, and other local governmental entities.

Section 42. Subsection (4) of section 339.155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.155 Transportation planning.

- (4) ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS.-
- (a) Upon request by local governmental entities, the department may in its discretion develop and design transportation corridors, arterial and collector streets, vehicular parking areas, and other support facilities which are consistent with the plans of the department for major

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transportation facilities. The department may render to local governmental entities or their planning agencies such technical assistance and services as are necessary so that local plans and facilities are coordinated with the plans and facilities of the department.

(b) Each regional planning council, as provided for in s. 186.504, or any successor agency thereto, shall develop, as an element of its strategic regional policy plan, transportation goals and policies. The transportation goals and policies must be prioritized to comply with the prevailing principles provided in subsection (1) and s. 334.046(1). The transportation goals and policies shall be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the goals and policies of the metropolitan planning organization and the Florida Transportation Plan. The transportation goals and policies of the regional planning council will be advisory only and shall be submitted to the department and any affected metropolitan planning organization for their consideration and comments. Metropolitan planning organization plans and other local transportation plans shall be developed consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the regional transportation goals and policies. The regional planning council shall review urbanized area transportation plans and any other planning products stipulated in s. 339.175 and provide the department and respective metropolitan planning organizations with written recommendations, which the department and the metropolitan planning organizations shall take under advisement. Further, the regional planning councils shall directly assist local governments that are not part of a metropolitan area transportation planning process in the

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development of the transportation element of their comprehensive plans as required by s. 163.3177.

(b) (c) Regional transportation plans may be developed in regional transportation areas in accordance with an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to s. 163.01 by two or more contiguous metropolitan planning organizations; one or more metropolitan planning organizations and one or more contiguous counties, none of which is a member of a metropolitan planning organization; a multicounty regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law; two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a metropolitan planning organization; or metropolitan planning organizations comprised of three or more counties.

(c) (d) The interlocal agreement must, at a minimum, identify the entity that will coordinate the development of the regional transportation plan; delineate the boundaries of the regional transportation area; provide the duration of the agreement and specify how the agreement may be terminated, modified, or rescinded; describe the process by which the regional transportation plan will be developed; and provide how members of the entity will resolve disagreements regarding interpretation of the interlocal agreement or disputes relating to the development or content of the regional transportation plan. Such interlocal agreement shall become effective upon its recordation in the official public records of each county in the regional transportation area.

(d) (e) The regional transportation plan developed pursuant to this section must, at a minimum, identify regionally significant transportation facilities located within a regional

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transportation area and contain a prioritized list of regionally significant projects. The projects shall be adopted into the capital improvements schedule of the local government comprehensive plan pursuant to s. 163.3177(3).

Section 43. Paragraph (g) of subsection (6) of section 339.175, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.-

- (6) POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The powers, privileges, and authority of an M.P.O. are those specified in this section or incorporated in an interlocal agreement authorized under s. 163.01. Each M.P.O. shall perform all acts required by federal or state laws or rules, now and subsequently applicable, which are necessary to qualify for federal aid. It is the intent of this section that each M.P.O. shall be involved in the planning and programming of transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, airports, intercity and highspeed rail lines, seaports, and intermodal facilities, to the extent permitted by state or federal law.
- who reports directly to the M.P.O. governing board for all matters regarding the administration and operation of the M.P.O. and any additional personnel as deemed necessary. The executive director and any additional personnel may be employed either by an M.P.O. or by another governmental entity, such as a county or city, or regional planning council, that has a staff services agreement signed and in effect with the M.P.O. Each M.P.O. may enter into contracts with local or state agencies, private planning firms, private engineering firms, or other public or private entities to accomplish its transportation planning and

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2292 programming duties and administrative functions.

Section 44. Subsection (6) of section 339.285, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.285 Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable Transportation.—

(6) Preference shall be given to bridge projects located on corridors that connect to the Strategic Intermodal System, created under s. 339.64, and that have been identified as regionally significant in accordance with $\underline{s. 339.155(4)(b), (c),}$ and (d) $\underline{s. 339.155(4)(c), (d),}$ and (e).

Section 45. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 339.63, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.63 System facilities designated; additions and deletions.—

- (3) After the initial designation of the Strategic Intermodal System under subsection (1), the department shall, in coordination with the metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, regional planning councils, transportation providers, and affected public agencies, add facilities to or delete facilities from the Strategic Intermodal System described in paragraphs (2)(b) and (c) based upon criteria adopted by the department.
- (4) After the initial designation of the Strategic Intermodal System under subsection (1), the department shall, in coordination with the metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, regional planning councils, transportation providers, and affected public agencies, add facilities to or delete facilities from the Strategic Intermodal System described in paragraph (2) (a) based upon criteria adopted by the

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department. However, an airport that is designated as a reliever airport to a Strategic Intermodal System airport which has at least 75,000 itinerant operations per year, has a runway length of at least 5,500 linear feet, is capable of handling aircraft weighing at least 60,000 pounds with a dual wheel configuration which is served by at least one precision instrument approach, and serves a cluster of aviation-dependent industries, shall be designated as part of the Strategic Intermodal System by the Secretary of Transportation upon the request of a reliever airport meeting this criteria.

- Section 46. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 339.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 339.64 Strategic Intermodal System Plan.—
- (1) The department shall develop, in cooperation with metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils, local governments, and other transportation providers, a Strategic Intermodal System Plan. The plan shall be consistent with the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155 and shall be updated at least once every 5 years, subsequent to updates of the Florida Transportation Plan.
- (3) (a) During the development of updates to the Strategic Intermodal System Plan, the department shall provide metropolitan planning organizations, regional planning councils, local governments, transportation providers, affected public agencies, and citizens with an opportunity to participate in and comment on the development of the update.
- Section 47. Subsection (1) of section 341.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 341.041 Transit responsibilities of the department.-The

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department shall, within the resources provided pursuant to chapter 216:

(1) Develop a statewide plan that provides for public transit and intercity bus service needs at least 5 years in advance. The plan shall be developed in a manner that will assure maximum use of existing facilities, and optimum integration and coordination of the various modes of transportation, including both governmentally owned and privately owned resources, in the most cost-effective manner possible. The plan shall also incorporate plans adopted by local and regional planning agencies which are consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with adopted strategic policy plans and approved local government comprehensive plans for the region and units of local government covered by the plan and shall, insofar as practical, conform to federal planning requirements. The plan shall be consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155.

Section 48. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 343.1004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

343.1004 Commission powers and duties.-

- (1) The express purposes of the commission are to improve mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for persons and freight throughout the six-county North Florida region. The commission shall, at a minimum:
- (b) Research and develop an implementation plan that identifies available but not yet imposed, and potentially developable, sources of funding to execute the regional transportation plan. In developing the regional transportation plan, the commission shall review and coordinate with the future

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land use, capital improvements, and traffic circulation elements of the counties' local government comprehensive plans, the Strategic Regional Policy Plan of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, and the schedules of other units of government having transit or transportation authority within whose jurisdictions the projects or improvements will be located in order to define and resolve potential inconsistencies between such plans and the commission's regional transportation plan. The commission shall present the regional transportation plan and updates to the governing bodies of the constituent counties within 90 days after adoption. The commission shall update the regional transportation plan at least every other year.

Section 49. Section 343.1006, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

343.1006 Plan coordination with other agencies.—The regional transportation plan and implementation plan shall be forwarded to the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization for inclusion in its long-range transportation plan and other planning documents as required by law. To the extent feasible, the commission's planning activities, including the development and adoption of the regional transportation plan and the implementation plan, shall be coordinated with the work of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, the Northeast Florida Regional Council, and the department.

Section 50. Subsection (1) of section 343.1010, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

343.1010 Powers of commission are supplemental.-

(1) The powers conferred by this part are supplemental to

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the existing powers of the North Florida Transportation Planning 2409 Organization, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the 2410 Northeast Florida Regional Council, the counties and the municipalities located therein, and the department. This part 2412 does not repeal any provisions of any other law, general, 2413 special, or local, but supplements such other laws in the exercise of the powers provided under this part and provides a 2415 complete method for the exercise of the powers granted in this part. The projects of the commission must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The projects of the 2418 commission undertaken pursuant to this part may be accomplished 2419 without regard to or necessity for compliance with the provisions, limitations, or restrictions contained in any other general, special, or local law except as specifically set forth 2422 in this part.

Section 51. Paragraph (m) of subsection (3) of section 343.54, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

343.54 Powers and duties.-

- (3) The authority may exercise all powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, including, but not limited to, the following rights and powers:
- (m) To cooperate with other governmental entities and to contract with other governmental agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Federal Government, regional planning councils, counties, and municipalities.

Section 52. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 373.309, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.309 Authority to adopt rules and procedures.-

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(1) The department shall adopt, and may from time to time amend, rules governing the location, construction, repair, and abandonment of water wells and shall be responsible for the administration of this part. With respect thereto, the department shall:

- (e) Encourage prevention of potable water well contamination and promote cost-effective remediation of contaminated potable water supplies by use of the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as provided in s. 376.307(1)(e) and establish by rule:
- 1. Delineation of areas of groundwater contamination for implementation of well location and construction, testing, permitting, and clearance requirements as set forth in subparagraphs 2., 3., 4., 5., and 6. The department shall make available to water management districts, regional planning councils, the Department of Health, and county building and zoning departments, maps or other information on areas of contamination, including areas of ethylene dibromide contamination. Such maps or other information shall be made available to property owners, realtors, real estate associations, property appraisers, and other interested persons upon request and upon payment of appropriate costs.
- 2. Requirements for testing for suspected contamination in areas of known contamination, as a prerequisite for clearance of a water well for drinking purposes. The department is authorized to establish criteria for acceptance of water quality testing results from the Department of Health and laboratories certified by the Department of Health, and is authorized to establish requirements for sample collection quality assurance.

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3. Requirements for mandatory connection to available potable water systems in areas of known contamination, wherein the department may prohibit the permitting and construction of new potable water wells.

- 4. Location and construction standards for public and all other potable water wells permitted in areas of contamination. Such standards shall be designed to minimize the effects of such contamination.
- 5. A procedure for permitting all potable water wells in areas of known contamination. Any new water well that is to be used for drinking water purposes and that does not meet construction standards pursuant to subparagraph 4. must be abandoned and plugged by the owner. Water management districts shall implement, through delegation from the department, the permitting and enforcement responsibilities of this subparagraph.
- 6. A procedure for clearing for use all potable water wells, except wells that serve a public water supply system, in areas of known contamination. If contaminants are found upon testing pursuant to subparagraph 2., a well may not be cleared for use without a filter or other means of preventing the users of the well from being exposed to deleterious amounts of contaminants. The Department of Health shall implement the responsibilities of this subparagraph.
- 7. Fees to be paid for well construction permits and clearance for use. The fees shall be based on the actual costs incurred by the water management districts, the Department of Health, or other political subdivisions in carrying out the responsibilities related to potable water well permitting and

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clearance for use. The fees shall provide revenue to cover all such costs and shall be set according to the following schedule:

- a. The well construction permit fee may not exceed \$500.
- b. The clearance fee may not exceed \$50.
- 8. Procedures for implementing well-location, construction, testing, permitting, and clearance requirements as set forth in subparagraphs 2.-6. within areas that research or monitoring data indicate are vulnerable to contamination with nitrate, or areas in which the department provides a subsidy for restoration or replacement of contaminated drinking water supplies through extending existing water lines or developing new water supply systems pursuant to s. 376.307(1)(e). The department shall consult with the Florida Ground Water Association in the process of developing rules pursuant to this subparagraph.

All fees and funds collected by each delegated entity pursuant to this part shall be deposited in the appropriate operating account of that entity.

Section 53. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 373.415, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

373.415 Protection zones; duties of the St. Johns River Water Management District.—

(1) Not later than November 1, 1988, the St. Johns River Water Management District shall adopt rules establishing protection zones adjacent to the watercourses in the Wekiva River System, as designated in $\underline{s.\ 369.303(9)}\ \underline{s.\ 369.303(10)}$. Such protection zones shall be sufficiently wide to prevent harm to the Wekiva River System, including water quality, water quantity, hydrology, wetlands, and aquatic and wetland-dependent

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wildlife species, caused by any of the activities regulated under this part. Factors on which the widths of the protection zones shall be based shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) The biological significance of the wetlands and uplands adjacent to the designated watercourses in the Wekiva River System, including the nesting, feeding, breeding, and resting needs of aquatic species and wetland-dependent wildlife species.
- (b) The sensitivity of these species to disturbance, including the short-term and long-term adaptability to disturbance of the more sensitive species, both migratory and resident.
- (c) The susceptibility of these lands to erosion, including the slope, soils, runoff characteristics, and vegetative cover.

In addition, the rules may establish permitting thresholds, permitting exemptions, or general permits, if such thresholds, exemptions, or general permits do not allow significant adverse impacts to the Wekiva River System to occur individually or cumulatively.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.60, the St. Johns River Water Management District $\underline{\text{may}}$ shall not issue any permit under this part within the Wekiva River Protection Area, as defined in $\underline{\text{s. }}$ 369.303(8) $\underline{\text{s. }}$ 369.303(9), until the appropriate local government has provided written notification to the district that the proposed activity is consistent with the local comprehensive plan and is in compliance with any land development regulation in effect in the area where the development will take place. The district may, however, inform any property owner who makes a request for such information as

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to the location of the protection zone or zones on his or her property. However, if a development proposal is amended as the result of the review by the district, a permit may be issued prior to the development proposal being returned, if necessary, to the local government for additional review.

Section 54. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section 377.703, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 377.703 Additional functions of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.—
- (2) DUTIES.—The department shall perform the following functions, unless as otherwise provided, consistent with the development of a state energy policy:
- (k) The department shall coordinate energy-related programs of state government, including, but not limited to, the programs provided in this section. To this end, the department shall:
- 1. Provide assistance to other state agencies, counties, and municipalities, and regional planning agencies to further and promote their energy planning activities.
- 2. Require, in cooperation with the Department of Management Services, all state agencies to operate state-owned and state-leased buildings in accordance with energy conservation standards as adopted by the Department of Management Services. Every 3 months, the Department of Management Services shall furnish the department data on agencies' energy consumption and emissions of greenhouse gases in a format prescribed by the department.
- 3. Promote the development and use of renewable energy resources, energy efficiency technologies, and conservation measures.

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4. Promote the recovery of energy from wastes, including, but not limited to, the use of waste heat, the use of agricultural products as a source of energy, and recycling of manufactured products. Such promotion shall be conducted in conjunction with, and after consultation with, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Public Service Commission where electrical generation or natural gas is involved, and any other relevant federal, state, or local governmental agency having responsibility for resource recovery programs.

Section 55. Subsection (3) of section 378.411, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 378.411 Certification to receive notices of intent to mine, to review, and to inspect for compliance.—
- (3) In making his or her determination, the secretary shall consult with the Department of Economic Opportunity, the appropriate regional planning council, and the appropriate water management district.

Section 56. Subsection (2) of section 380.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 380.045 Resource planning and management committees; objectives; procedures.—
- (2) The committee shall include, but shall not be limited to, representation from each of the following: elected officials from the local governments within the area under study; the planning office of each of the local governments within the area under study; the state land planning agency; any other state agency under chapter 20 a representative of which the Governor feels is relevant to the compilation of the committee; and a

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water management district, if appropriate, and regional planning council all or part of whose jurisdiction lies within the area under study. After the appointment of the members, the Governor shall select a chair and vice chair. A staff member of the state land planning agency shall be appointed by the director of such agency to serve as the secretary of the committee. The state land planning agency shall, to the greatest extent possible, provide technical assistance and administrative support to the committee. Meetings will be called as needed by the chair or on the demand of three or more members of the committee. The committee will act on a simple majority of a quorum present and shall make a report within 6 months to the head of the state land planning agency. The committee shall, from the time of appointment, remain in existence for no less than 6 months.

Section 57. Subsection (3) of section 380.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.055 Big Cypress Area.-

(3) DESIGNATION AS AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN.—The "Big Cypress Area," as defined in this subsection, is hereby designated as an area of critical state concern. "Big Cypress Area" means the area generally depicted on the map entitled "Boundary Map, Big Cypress National Freshwater Reserve, Florida," numbered BC-91,001 and dated November 1971, which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., and in the office of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, which is the area proposed as the Federal Big Cypress National Freshwater Reserve, Florida, and that area described as follows: Sections 1, 2, 11, 12 and 13 in

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2640 Township 49 South, Range 31 East; and Township 49 South, Range 2641 32 East, less Sections 19, 30 and 31; and Township 49 South, 2642 Range 33 East; and Township 49 South, Range 34 East; and 2643 Sections 1 through 5 and 10 through 14 in Township 50 South, 2644 Range 32 East; and Sections 1 through 18 and 20 through 25 in 2645 Township 50 South, Range 33 East; and Township 50 South, Range 2646 34 East, less Section 31; and Sections 1 and 2 in Township 51 2647 South, Range 34 East; All in Collier County, Florida, which 2648 described area shall be known as the "Big Cypress National 2649 Preserve Addition, Florida," together with such contiguous land 2650 and water areas as are ecologically linked with the Everglades 2651 National Park, certain of the estuarine fisheries of South 2652 Florida, or the freshwater aquifer of South Florida, the 2653 definitive boundaries of which shall be set in the following 2654 manner: Within 120 days following the effective date of this 2655 act, the state land planning agency shall recommend definitive 2656 boundaries for the Big Cypress Area to the Administration 2657 Commission, after giving notice to all local governments and 2658 regional planning agencies which include within their boundaries 2659 any part of the area proposed to be included in the Big Cypress 2660 Area and holding such hearings as the state land planning agency 2661 deems appropriate. Within 45 days following receipt of the 2662 recommended boundaries, the Administration Commission shall 2663 adopt, modify, or reject the recommendation and shall by rule 2664 establish the boundaries of the area defined as the Big Cypress 2665 Area.

Section 58. Subsection (2) of section 380.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.07 Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission.-

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(2) Whenever any local government issues any development order in any area of critical state concern, or in regard to any development of regional impact, copies of such orders as prescribed by rule by the state land planning agency shall be transmitted to the state land planning agency, the regional planning agency, and the owner or developer of the property affected by such order. The state land planning agency shall adopt rules describing development order rendition and effectiveness in designated areas of critical state concern. Within 45 days after the order is rendered, the owner, the developer, or the state land planning agency may appeal the order to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission by filing a petition alleging that the development order is not consistent with the provisions of this part. The appropriate regional planning agency by vote at a regularly scheduled meeting may recommend that the state land planning agency undertake an appeal of a development-of-regional-impact development order. Upon the request of an appropriate regional planning council, affected local government, or any citizen, the state land planning agency shall consider whether to appeal the order and shall respond to the request within the 45-day appeal period.

Section 59. Subsection (3) of section 380.507, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

380.507 Powers of the trust.—The trust shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes and provisions of this part, including:

(3) To provide technical and financial assistance to local governments, state agencies, water management districts,

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regional planning councils, and nonprofit agencies to carry out projects and activities and develop programs to achieve the purposes of this part.

Section 60. Subsection (6) of section 403.0752, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.0752 Ecosystem management agreements.-

management advisory teams for consultation and participation in the preparation of an ecosystem management agreement. The secretary shall request the participation of at least the state and regional and local government entities having regulatory authority over the activities to be subject to the ecosystem management agreement. Such teams may also include representatives of other participating or advisory government agencies, which may include regional planning councils, private landowners, public landowners and managers, public and private utilities, corporations, and environmental interests. Team members shall be selected in a manner that ensures adequate representation of the diverse interests and perspectives within the designated ecosystem. Participation by any department of state government is at the discretion of that agency.

Section 61. Section 403.50663, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.50663 Informational public meetings.-

(1) A local government within whose jurisdiction the power plant is proposed to be sited may hold one informational public meeting in addition to the hearings specifically authorized by this act on any matter associated with the electrical power plant proceeding. Such informational public meetings shall be

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held by the local government or by the regional planning council if the local government does not hold such meeting within 70 days after the filing of the application. The purpose of an informational public meeting is for the local government or regional planning council to further inform the public about the proposed electrical power plant or associated facilities, obtain comments from the public, and formulate its recommendation with respect to the proposed electrical power plant.

- (2) Informational public meetings shall be held solely at the option of each local government or regional planning council if a public meeting is not held by the local government. It is the legislative intent that local governments or regional planning councils attempt to hold such public meetings. Parties to the proceedings under this act shall be encouraged to attend; however, no party other than the applicant and the department shall be required to attend such informational public meetings.
- (3) A local government or regional planning council that intends to conduct an informational public meeting must provide notice of the meeting to all parties not less than 5 days prior to the meeting and to the general public in accordance with s. 403.5115(5). The expense for such notice is eligible for reimbursement under s. 403.518(2)(c)1.
- (4) The failure to hold an informational public meeting or the procedure used for the informational public meeting is not grounds for the alteration of any time limitation in this act under s. 403.5095 or grounds to deny or condition certification.

Section 62. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 403.507, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.507 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, project

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(2) (a) No later than 100 days after the certification application has been determined complete, the following agencies shall prepare reports as provided below and shall submit them to the department and the applicant, unless a final order denying the determination of need has been issued under s. 403.519:

- 1. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a report containing recommendations which address the impact upon the public of the proposed electrical power plant, based on the degree to which the electrical power plant is consistent with the applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan, emergency management, and other such matters within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity may also comment on the consistency of the proposed electrical power plant with applicable strategic regional policy plans or local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.
- 2. The water management district shall prepare a report as to matters within its jurisdiction, including but not limited to, the impact of the proposed electrical power plant on water resources, regional water supply planning, and district-owned lands and works.
- 3. Each local government in whose jurisdiction the proposed electrical power plant is to be located shall prepare a report as to the consistency of the proposed electrical power plant with all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or criteria that apply to the proposed electrical power plant, including any applicable local environmental regulations adopted pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means.
 - 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall

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prepare a report as to matters within its jurisdiction.

5. Each regional planning council shall prepare a report containing recommendations that address the impact upon the public of the proposed electrical power plant, based on the degree to which the electrical power plant is consistent with the applicable provisions of the strategic regional policy plan adopted pursuant to chapter 186 and other matters within its jurisdiction.

5.6. The Department of Transportation shall address the impact of the proposed electrical power plant on matters within its jurisdiction.

Section 63. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 403.508, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.508 Land use and certification hearings, parties, participants.—

- (3) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall include:
- 1. The applicant.
- 2. The Public Service Commission.
- 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity.
- 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- 5. The water management district.
- 6. The department.
- 7. The regional planning council.
- 7.8. The local government.
 - 8.9. The Department of Transportation.
 - (4) (a) The order of presentation at the certification hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and

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- 1. The applicant.
- 2. The department.
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- 4. Regional agencies, including regional planning councils
 and water management districts.
 - 5. Local governments.
 - 6. Other parties.

Section 64. Subsection (5), paragraph (a) of subsection (6), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 403.5115, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.5115 Public notice.-

- (5) A local government or regional planning council that proposes to conduct an informational public meeting pursuant to s. 403.50663 must publish notice of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the proposed electrical power plant will be located no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. A newspaper of general circulation shall be the newspaper that has the largest daily circulation in that county and has its principal office in that county. If the newspaper with the largest daily circulation has its principal office outside the county, the notices shall appear in both the newspaper having the largest circulation in that county and in a newspaper authorized to publish legal notices in that county.
- (6)(a) A good faith effort shall be made by the applicant to provide direct written notice of the filing of an application for certification by United States mail or hand delivery no later than 45 days after filing of the application to all local

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landowners whose property, as noted in the most recent local government tax records, and residences are located within the following distances of the proposed project:

- 1. Three miles of the proposed main site boundaries of the proposed electrical power plant.
- 2. One-quarter mile for a transmission line corridor that only includes a transmission line as defined by $\underline{s. 403.522(21)}$ $\underline{s. 403.522(22)}$.
- 3. One-quarter mile for all other linear associated facilities extending away from the main site boundary except for a transmission line corridor that includes a transmission line that operates below those defined by $\underline{s. 403.522(21)}$ $\underline{s.}$ $\underline{403.522(22)}$.
- (7) (a) A good faith effort shall be made by the proponent of an alternate corridor that includes a transmission line, as defined by $\underline{s.\ 403.522(21)}\ s.\ 403.522(22)$, to provide direct written notice of the filing of an alternate corridor for certification by United States mail or hand delivery of the filing no later than 30 days after filing of the alternate corridor to all local landowners whose property, as noted in the most recent local government tax records, and residences, are located within one-quarter mile of the proposed boundaries of a transmission line corridor that includes a transmission line as defined by $\underline{s.\ 403.522(21)}\ s.\ 403.522(22)$.

Section 65. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 403.518, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.518 Fees; disposition.—The department shall charge the applicant the following fees, as appropriate, which, unless otherwise specified, shall be paid into the Florida Permit Fee

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(2) An application fee, which shall not exceed \$200,000. The fee shall be fixed by rule on a sliding scale related to the size, type, ultimate site capacity, or increase in electrical generating capacity proposed by the application.

- (c)1. Upon written request with proper itemized accounting within 90 days after final agency action by the board or department or withdrawal of the application, the agencies that prepared reports pursuant to s. 403.507 or participated in a hearing pursuant to s. 403.508 may submit a written request to the department for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the certification proceedings. The request must shall contain an accounting of expenses incurred which may include time spent reviewing the application, preparation of any studies required of the agencies by this act, agency travel and per diem to attend any hearing held pursuant to this act, and for any local government's or regional planning council's provision of notice of public meetings required as a result of the application for certification. The department shall review the request and verify that the expenses are valid. Valid expenses shall be reimbursed; however, if in the event the amount of funds available for reimbursement is insufficient to provide for full compensation to the agencies requesting reimbursement, reimbursement shall be on a prorated basis.
- 2. If the application review is held in abeyance for more than 1 year, the agencies may submit a request for reimbursement. This time period shall be measured from the date the applicant has provided written notification to the department that it desires to have the application review

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process placed on hold. The fee disbursement shall be processed in accordance with subparagraph 1.

Section 66. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 403.526, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 403.526 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and project analyses; studies.—
- (2) (a) No later than 90 days after the filing of the application, the following agencies shall prepare reports as provided below, unless a final order denying the determination of need has been issued under s. 403.537:
- 1. The department shall prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed transmission line or corridor as it relates to matters within its jurisdiction.
- 2. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of which a proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located shall prepare a report as to the impact on water resources and other matters within its jurisdiction.
- 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a report containing recommendations which address the impact upon the public of the proposed transmission line or corridor, based on the degree to which the proposed transmission line or corridor is consistent with the applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan, emergency management, and other matters within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity may also comment on the consistency of the proposed transmission line or corridor with applicable strategic regional policy plans or local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.
- 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed transmission

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line or corridor on fish and wildlife resources and other matters within its jurisdiction.

- 5. Each local government shall prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed transmission line or corridor on matters within its jurisdiction, including the consistency of the proposed transmission line or corridor with all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or criteria that apply to the proposed transmission line or corridor, including local comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, land development regulations, and any applicable local environmental regulations adopted pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means. A change by the responsible local government or local agency in local comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, or other regulations made after the date required for the filing of the local government's report required by this section is not applicable to the certification of the proposed transmission line or corridor unless the certification is denied or the application is withdrawn.
- 6. Each regional planning council shall present a report containing recommendations that address the impact upon the public of the proposed transmission line or corridor based on the degree to which the transmission line or corridor is consistent with the applicable provisions of the strategic regional policy plan adopted under chapter 186 and other impacts of each proposed transmission line or corridor on matters within its jurisdiction.
- $\underline{6.7.}$ The Department of Transportation shall prepare a report as to the impact of the proposed transmission line or corridor on state roads, railroads, airports, aeronautics,

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seaports, and other matters within its jurisdiction.

- 7.8. The commission shall prepare a report containing its determination under s. 403.537, and the report may include the comments from the commission with respect to any other subject within its jurisdiction.
- 8.9. Any other agency, if requested by the department, shall also perform studies or prepare reports as to subjects within the jurisdiction of the agency which may potentially be affected by the proposed transmission line.

Section 67. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 403.527, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 403.527 Certification hearing, parties, participants.-
- (2) (a) Parties to the proceeding shall be:
- 2973 1. The applicant.
 - 2. The department.
 - 3. The commission.
 - 4. The Department of Economic Opportunity.
 - 5. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
 - 6. The Department of Transportation.
 - 7. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located.
 - 8. The local government.
 - 9. The regional planning council.
- (3) (a) The order of presentation at the certification hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and evidence, shall be:

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2988 1. The applicant.

- 2. The department.
- 3. State agencies.
- 4. Regional agencies, including regional planning councils and water management districts.
 - 5. Local governments.
- 2994 6. Other parties.

Section 68. Section 403.5272, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.5272 Informational public meetings.-

- (1) A local government whose jurisdiction is to be crossed by a proposed corridor may hold one informational public meeting in addition to the hearings specifically authorized by this act on any matter associated with the transmission line proceeding. The informational public meeting may be conducted by the local government or the regional planning council and shall be held no later than 55 days after the application is filed. The purpose of an informational public meeting is for the local government or regional planning council to further inform the public about the transmission line proposed, obtain comments from the public, and formulate its recommendation with respect to the proposed transmission line.
- (2) Informational public meetings shall be held solely at the option of each local government or regional planning council. It is the legislative intent that local governments or regional planning councils attempt to hold such public meetings. Parties to the proceedings under this act shall be encouraged to attend; however, a party other than the applicant and the department is not required to attend the informational public

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(3) A local government or regional planning council that intends to conduct an informational public meeting must provide notice of the meeting, with notice sent to all parties listed in s. 403.527(2)(a), not less than 15 days before the meeting and to the general public in accordance with s. 403.5363(4).

(4) The failure to hold an informational public meeting or the procedure used for the informational public meeting is not grounds for the alteration of any time limitation in this act under s. 403.528 or grounds to deny or condition certification.

Section 69. Subsection (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 403.5363, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.5363 Public notices; requirements.-

- (4) A local government or regional planning council that proposes to conduct an informational public meeting pursuant to s. 403.5272 must publish notice of the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties in which the proposed electrical transmission line will be located no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. A newspaper of general circulation shall be the newspaper that has the largest daily circulation in that county and has its principal office in that county. If the newspaper with the largest daily circulation has its principal office outside the county, the notices shall appear in both the newspaper having the largest circulation in that county and in a newspaper authorized to publish legal notices in that county.
- (5)(a) A good faith effort shall be made by the applicant to provide direct notice of the filing of an application for

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certification by United States mail or hand delivery no later than 45 days after filing of the application to all local landowners whose property, as noted in the most recent local government tax records, and residences are located within one-quarter mile of the proposed boundaries of a transmission line corridor that only includes a transmission line as defined by \underline{s} . 403.522(21) \underline{s} . 403.522(22).

(6) (a) A good faith effort shall be made by the proponent of an alternate corridor that includes a transmission line, as defined by $\underline{s. 403.522(21)}$ $\underline{s. 403.522(22)}$, to provide direct notice of the filing of an alternate corridor for certification by United States mail or hand delivery of the filing no later than 30 days after filing of the alternate corridor to all local landowners whose property, as noted in the most recent local government tax records, and residences are located within one-quarter mile of the proposed boundaries of a transmission line corridor that includes a transmission line as defined by $\underline{s.}$ $\underline{403.522(21)}$ $\underline{s. 403.522(22)}$.

Section 70. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 403.5365, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.5365 Fees; disposition.—The department shall charge the applicant the following fees, as appropriate, which, unless otherwise specified, shall be paid into the Florida Permit Fee Trust Fund:

- (1) An application fee.
- (d)1. Upon written request with proper itemized accounting within 90 days after final agency action by the siting board or the department or the written notification of the withdrawal of the application, the agencies that prepared reports under s.

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403.526 or s. 403.5271 or participated in a hearing under s. 403.527 or s. 403.5271 may submit a written request to the department for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the certification proceedings. The request must contain an accounting of expenses incurred, which may include time spent reviewing the application, preparation of any studies required of the agencies by this act, agency travel and per diem to attend any hearing held under this act, and for the local government or regional planning council providing additional notice of the informational public meeting. The department shall review the request and verify whether a claimed expense is valid. Valid expenses shall be reimbursed; however, if the amount of funds available for reimbursement is insufficient to provide for full compensation to the agencies, reimbursement shall be on a prorated basis.

2. If the application review is held in abeyance for more than 1 year, the agencies may submit a request for reimbursement under subparagraph 1. This time period shall be measured from the date the applicant has provided written notification to the department that it desires to have the application review process placed on hold. The fee disbursement shall be processed in accordance with subparagraph 1.

Section 71. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 403.537, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

403.537 Determination of need for transmission line; powers and duties.—

(1) (a) Upon request by an applicant or upon its own motion, the Florida Public Service Commission shall schedule a public hearing, after notice, to determine the need for a transmission

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line regulated by the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, ss. 403.52-403.5365. The notice shall be published at least 21 days before the date set for the hearing and shall be published by the applicant in at least one-quarter page size notice in newspapers of general circulation, and by the commission in the manner specified in chapter 120, by giving notice to counties and regional planning councils in whose jurisdiction the transmission line could be placed, and by giving notice to any persons who have requested to be placed on the mailing list of the commission for this purpose. Within 21 days after receipt of a request for determination by an applicant, the commission shall set a date for the hearing. The hearing shall be held pursuant to s. 350.01 within 45 days after the filing of the request, and a decision shall be rendered within 60 days after such filing.

(d) The determination by the commission of the need for the transmission line, as defined in s. 403.522(21) s. 403.522(22), is binding on all parties to any certification proceeding under the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act and is a condition precedent to the conduct of the certification hearing prescribed therein. An order entered pursuant to this section constitutes final agency action.

Section 72. Subsection (17) of section 403.704, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.704 Powers and duties of the department.—The department shall have responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of this act. In addition to other powers and duties, the department shall:

(17) Provide technical assistance to local governments and

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regional agencies to ensure consistency between county hazardous waste management assessments; coordinate the development of such assessments with the assistance of the appropriate regional planning councils; and review and make recommendations to the Legislature relative to the sufficiency of the assessments to meet state hazardous waste management needs.

Section 73. Subsection (1) of section 403.7226, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.7226 Technical assistance by the department.—The department shall:

(1) Provide technical assistance to county governments and regional planning councils to ensure consistency in implementing local hazardous waste management assessments as provided in ss. 403.7225, 403.7234, and 403.7236. In order to ensure that each local assessment is properly implemented and that all information gathered during the assessment is uniformly compiled and documented, each county or regional planning council shall contact the department during the preparation of the local assessment to receive technical assistance. Each county or regional planning council shall follow guidelines established by the department, and adopted by rule as appropriate, in order to properly implement these assessments.

Section 74. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 403.941, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.941 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and studies.—

(2)(a) The affected agencies shall prepare reports as provided in this paragraph and shall submit them to the department and the applicant within 60 days after the

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application is determined sufficient:

1. The department shall prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor as it relates to matters within its jurisdiction.

- 2. Each water management district in the jurisdiction of which a proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor is to be located shall prepare a report as to the impact on water resources and other matters within its jurisdiction.
- 3. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall prepare a report containing recommendations which address the impact upon the public of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor, based on the degree to which the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor is consistent with the applicable portions of the state comprehensive plan and other matters within its jurisdiction. The Department of Economic Opportunity may also comment on the consistency of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor with applicable strategic regional policy plans or local comprehensive plans and land development regulations.
- 4. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor on fish and wildlife resources and other matters within its jurisdiction.
- 5. Each local government in which the natural gas transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline corridor will be located shall prepare a report as to the impact of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor on matters within its jurisdiction, including the consistency of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor with

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all applicable local ordinances, regulations, standards, or criteria that apply to the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor, including local comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, land development regulations, and any applicable local environmental regulations adopted pursuant to s. 403.182 or by other means. No change by the responsible local government or local agency in local comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, or other regulations made after the date required for the filing of the local government's report required by this section shall be applicable to the certification of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor unless the certification is denied or the application is withdrawn.

- 6. Each regional planning council in which the natural gas transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline corridor will be located shall present a report containing recommendations that address the impact upon the public of the proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor, based on the degree to which the natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor is consistent with the applicable provisions of the strategic regional policy plan adopted pursuant to chapter 186 and other impacts of each proposed natural gas transmission pipeline or corridor on matters within its jurisdiction.
- $\underline{6.7.}$ The Department of Transportation shall prepare a report on the effect of the natural gas transmission pipeline or natural gas transmission pipeline corridor on matters within its jurisdiction, including roadway crossings by the pipeline. The report shall contain at a minimum:
- a. A report by the applicant to the department stating that all requirements of the department's utilities accommodation

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(6) The order of presentation at the certification hearing, unless otherwise changed by the administrative law judge to ensure the orderly presentation of witnesses and evidence, shall be:

- (a) The applicant.
- (b) The department.
- (c) State agencies.
- (d) Regional agencies, including regional planning councils and water management districts.
 - (e) Local governments.
 - (f) Other parties.

Section 76. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 403.9422, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.9422 Determination of need for natural gas transmission pipeline; powers and duties.—

(1) (a) Upon request by an applicant or upon its own motion, the commission shall schedule a public hearing, after notice, to determine the need for a natural gas transmission pipeline regulated by ss. 403.9401-403.9425. Such notice shall be published at least 45 days before the date set for the hearing and shall be published in at least one-quarter page size in newspapers of general circulation and in the Florida Administrative Register, by giving notice to counties and regional planning councils in whose jurisdiction the natural gas transmission pipeline could be placed, and by giving notice to any persons who have requested to be placed on the mailing list of the commission for this purpose. Within 21 days after receipt of a request for determination by an applicant, the commission shall set a date for the hearing. The hearing shall be held

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pursuant to s. 350.01 within 75 days after the filing of the request, and a decision shall be rendered within 90 days after such filing.

Section 77. Subsection (4) of section 403.973, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.973 Expedited permitting; amendments to comprehensive plans.— $\,$

(4) The regional teams shall be established through the execution of a project-specific memorandum of agreement developed and executed by the applicant and the secretary, with input solicited from the respective heads of the Department of Transportation and its district offices, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, appropriate regional planning councils, appropriate water management districts, and voluntarily participating municipalities and counties. The memorandum of agreement should also accommodate participation in this expedited process by other local governments and federal agencies as circumstances warrant.

Section 78. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 408.033, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

408.033 Local and state health planning.-

- (1) LOCAL HEALTH COUNCILS.-
- (b) Each local health council may:
- 1. Develop a district area health plan that permits each local health council to develop strategies and set priorities for implementation based on its unique local health needs.
- 2. Advise the agency on health care issues and resource allocations.

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3. Promote public awareness of community health needs,
3308 emphasizing health promotion and cost-effective health service
3309 selection.

- 4. Collect data and conduct analyses and studies related to health care needs of the district, including the needs of medically indigent persons, and assist the agency and other state agencies in carrying out data collection activities that relate to the functions in this subsection.
- 5. Monitor the onsite construction progress, if any, of certificate-of-need approved projects and report council findings to the agency on forms provided by the agency.
- 6. Advise and assist any regional planning councils within each district that have elected to address health issues in their strategic regional policy plans with the development of the health element of the plans to address the health goals and policies in the State Comprehensive Plan.
- <u>6.7.</u> Advise and assist local governments within each district on the development of an optional health plan element of the comprehensive plan provided in chapter 163, to assure compatibility with the health goals and policies in the State Comprehensive Plan and district health plan. To facilitate the implementation of this section, the local health council shall annually provide the local governments in its service area, upon request, with:
- a. A copy and appropriate updates of the district health
 plan;
- b. A report of hospital and nursing home utilization statistics for facilities within the local government jurisdiction; and

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c. Applicable agency rules and calculated need methodologies for health facilities and services regulated under s. 408.034 for the district served by the local health council.

- 7.8. Monitor and evaluate the adequacy, appropriateness, and effectiveness, within the district, of local, state, federal, and private funds distributed to meet the needs of the medically indigent and other underserved population groups.
- 8.9. In conjunction with the Department of Health, plan for services at the local level for persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus.
- 9.10. Provide technical assistance to encourage and support activities by providers, purchasers, consumers, and local, regional, and state agencies in meeting the health care goals, objectives, and policies adopted by the local health council.
- 10.11. Provide the agency with data required by rule for the review of certificate-of-need applications and the projection of need for health services and facilities in the district.
- (d) Each local health council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with each regional planning council in its district that elects to address health issues in its strategic regional policy plan. In addition, Each local health council shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with each local government that includes an optional health element in its comprehensive plan. Each memorandum of agreement must specify the manner in which each local government, regional planning council, and local health council will coordinate its activities to ensure a unified approach to health planning and implementation efforts.
 - Section 79. Subsection (6) of section 419.001, Florida

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3365 Statutes, is amended to read:

419.001 Site selection of community residential homes.-

(6) If agreed to by both the local government and the sponsoring agency, a conflict may be resolved through informal mediation. The local government shall arrange for the services of an independent mediator or may utilize <u>a</u> the dispute resolution process established by a regional planning council pursuant to s. 186.509. Mediation shall be concluded within 45 days of a request therefor. The resolution of any issue through the mediation process <u>may shall</u> not alter any person's right to a judicial determination of any issue if that person is entitled to such a determination under statutory or common law.

Section 80. Subsection (1) of section 420.609, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

420.609 Affordable Housing Study Commission.—Because the Legislature firmly supports affordable housing in Florida for all economic classes:

- (1) There is created the Affordable Housing Study Commission, which shall be composed of $\underline{20}$ $\underline{21}$ members to be appointed by the Governor:
- (a) One citizen actively engaged in the residential home building industry.
- (b) One citizen actively engaged in the home mortgage lending profession.
- (c) One citizen actively engaged in the real estate sales profession.
 - (d) One citizen actively engaged in apartment development.
- (e) One citizen actively engaged in the management and operation of a rental housing development.

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3394 (f) Two citizens who represent very-low-income and low-3395 income persons.

- (g) One citizen representing a community-based organization with experience in housing development.
- (h) One citizen representing a community-based organization with experience in housing development in a community with a population of less than 50,000 persons.
- (i) Two citizens who represent elderly persons' housing interests.
 - (j) One representative of regional planning councils.
 - (j) (k) One representative of the Florida League of Cities.
- $\underline{\text{(k)}}$ One representative of the Florida Association of Counties.
- $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ Two citizens representing statewide growth management organizations.
- $\underline{\text{(m)}}$ (n) One citizen of the state to serve as chair of the commission.
- $\underline{\text{(n)}}$ One citizen representing a residential community developer.
 - (o) (p) One member who is a resident of the state.
 - $(p) \frac{(q)}{(q)}$ One representative from a local housing authority.
- $\underline{(q)}$ One citizen representing the housing interests of homeless persons.
- Section 81. Subsection (8) of section 427.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 3419 427.012 The Commission for the Transportation
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(8) The commission shall appoint a technical working group that includes representatives of private paratransit providers. The technical working group shall advise the commission on issues of importance to the state, including information, advice, and direction regarding the coordination of services for the transportation disadvantaged. The commission may appoint other technical working groups whose members may include representatives of community transportation coordinators; metropolitan planning organizations; regional planning councils; experts in insurance, marketing, economic development, or financial planning; and persons who use transportation for the transportation disadvantaged, or their relatives, parents, guardians, or service professionals who tend to their needs.

Section 82. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 501.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 501.171 Security of confidential personal information.-
- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (f) "Governmental entity" means any department, division, bureau, commission, regional planning agency, board, district, authority, agency, or other instrumentality of this state that acquires, maintains, stores, or uses data in electronic form containing personal information.

Section 83. Subsection (4) of section 985.682, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.682 Siting of facilities; criteria.-

(4) When the department requests such a modification and it is denied by the local government, the local government or the department shall initiate \underline{a} the dispute resolution process established under s. 186.509 to reconcile differences on the

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siting of correctional facilities between the department, local governments, and private citizens. If the regional planning council has not established a dispute resolution process pursuant to s. 186.509, The department shall establish, by rule, procedures for dispute resolution. The dispute resolution process shall require the parties to commence meetings to reconcile their differences. If the parties fail to resolve their differences within 30 days after the denial, the parties shall engage in voluntary mediation or similar process. If the parties fail to resolve their differences by mediation within 60 days after the denial, or if no action is taken on the department's request within 90 days after the request, the department must appeal the decision of the local government on the requested modification of local plans, ordinances, or regulations to the Governor and Cabinet. Any dispute resolution process initiated under this section must conform to the time limitations set forth herein. However, upon agreement of all parties, the time limits may be extended, but in no event may the dispute resolution process extend over 180 days.

Section 84. Subsection (6) of section 1013.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.30 University campus master plans and campus development agreements.—

(6) Before a campus master plan is adopted, a copy of the draft master plan must be sent for review or made available electronically to the host and any affected local governments, the state land planning agency, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation, the Department of State, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the

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applicable water management district and regional planning council. At the request of a governmental entity, a hard copy of the draft master plan shall be submitted within 7 business days of an electronic copy being made available. These agencies must be given 90 days after receipt of the campus master plans in which to conduct their review and provide comments to the university board of trustees. The commencement of this review period must be advertised in newspapers of general circulation within the host local government and any affected local government to allow for public comment. Following receipt and consideration of all comments and the holding of an informal information session and at least two public hearings within the host jurisdiction, the university board of trustees shall adopt the campus master plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the university board of trustees comply with the notice requirements set forth in s. 163.3184(11) to ensure full public participation in this planning process. The informal public information session must be held before the first public hearing. The first public hearing shall be held before the draft master plan is sent to the agencies specified in this subsection. The second public hearing shall be held in conjunction with the adoption of the draft master plan by the university board of trustees. Campus master plans developed under this section are not rules and are not subject to chapter 120 except as otherwise provided in this section.

Section 85. <u>Subsection (40) of section 163.3164</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 86. <u>Subsection (5) of section 186.003</u>, <u>Florida</u> Statutes, is repealed.

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3510	Section 87. Paragraph (c) of subsection (11) of section	<u></u>
3511	343.1003, Florida Statutes, is repealed.	
3512	Section 88. Subsection (1) of section 369.303, Florida	
3513	Statutes, is repealed.	
3514	Section 89. Subsection (15) of section 380.031, Florida	<u>:</u>
3515	Statutes, is repealed.	
3516	Section 90. Subsection (26) of section 403.503, Florida	
3517	Statutes, is repealed.	
3518	Section 91. Subsection (21) of section 403.522, Florida	<u>.</u>
3519	Statutes, is repealed.	
3520	Section 92. Subsection (4) of section 403.7264, Florida	<u>.</u>
3521	Statutes, is repealed.	
3522	Section 93. Subsection (22) of section 403.9403, Florid	.a_
3523	Statutes, is repealed.	
3524	Section 94. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.	
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