A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program; creating s. 403.919, F.S.; establishing the program within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection; providing for program purpose and participants; requiring the program to submit the Florida Resiliency Plan to the Governor and Legislature at specified intervals; providing plan requirements; directing the office to provide staff support; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 403.919, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

403.919 Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program.—
(1) The Florida Climate and Resiliency Research Program, an interagency program, is established within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection for the purpose of assisting the state in understanding, assessing, predicting, and responding to the effects of climate change.

(2)(a) The program shall prepare an assessment that analyzes, integrates, evaluates, and interprets the effects of climate change on the natural environment, land and water resources, biological diversity, agriculture, energy production

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and use, economic growth, employment, financial risk, disaster preparedness, human health and welfare, housing, and transportation within the state, as well as current trends in climate change, both human-induced and natural, and projected major trends for the subsequent 25 to 100 years.

(b) The assessment must:

1. Include a Florida greenhouse gas inventory; and
2. Identify and evaluate public expenditures by local governments, including past expenditures, present expenditures, and reasonably anticipated expenditures over the next 5, 10, and 20 years, related to, but not limited to:
   a. Rebuilding communities and economies impacted by extreme weather events.
   b. Upgrading septic and sewage infrastructure affected by a rising water table.
   c. Improving drinking water treatment infrastructure to protect against frequent downpours and chronic flooding.
   d. Increasing public health response to tropical disease and vector-borne epidemics.
   e. Implementing energy resiliency technologies to support essential healthcare and assisted living facilities, emergency response centers, and community shelters.
   f. Addressing the affordable housing crisis, especially as displacement causes climate gentrification of low-income communities.
  g. Increasing beach renourishment efforts as rising seas lead to increased yearly erosion.

  (3) The program shall consist of the following participants:

  (a) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or his or her designee.

  (b) The executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or his or her designee.

  (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee from the Office of Energy.

  (d) The chair of the Public Service Commission or his or her designee.

  (e) The Chief Financial Officer or his or her designee.

  (f) The coordinator of the Office of Economic and Demographic Research or his or her designee.

  (g) The executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity or his or her designee from the Division of Community Development.

  (h) The director of the Division of Emergency Management or his or her designee.

  (i) The Surgeon General or his or her designee.

  (j) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.

  (k) The Chief Science Officer of the Office of Environmental Accountability and Transparency.
(l) A representative from each of the following Florida climate collaboratives:

1. The Public-Private Regional Resiliency Committee.
2. The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact.
3. The Tampa Bay Regional Resiliency Coalition.
4. East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative.

Additional representatives from resiliency coalitions may be included in the program as such coalitions are established.

(m) A representative from the Florida Housing Corporation.

(n) A representative from the Florida Climate Institute.

(o) Three representatives from nongovernmental organizations that are not included on this list who have expertise in public health, energy, planning, land management, and conservation.

(4) Beginning January 1, 2020, and at least once every 4 years thereafter, the program shall deliver the Florida Resiliency Plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The plan shall include the program's assessment of the causes and effects of climate change in the state and recommendations on strategies to mitigate those effects and improve resiliency throughout the state.

(5) The director of the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection shall coordinate and oversee the program and provide
staff support to assist the program in the performance of its duties.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.