A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the use of industrial hemp for
construction; directing the Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services to conduct a comprehensive study
on the use of industrial hemp to build structures and
submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a
specified date; providing study requirements;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Comprehensive study on use of industrial hemp
for construction.—
(1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
shall conduct a comprehensive study that identifies and makes
findings regarding the use of industrial hemp to build
structures.
(2) In conducting the study, the department must review,
at a minimum:
   (a) Sustainability factors including, but not limited to,
       water usage and energy consumption.
   (b) Cost-effectiveness.
   (c) Environmental impact.
   (d) The feasibility and benefits of replacing state
government buildings with hempcrete structures in the future.
(e) The viability of hemp for overall industrial use.

(3) The department shall submit a report detailing its findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2022.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.