THE FLORIDA SENATE 2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/HB 549 — Gulf of America

by Education & Employment Committee and Rep. Porras and others (CS/SB 1058 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senators Gruters and Avila)

The bill (Chapter 2025-7, L.O.F.) reflects the federal designation of the "Gulf of Mexico" as the "Gulf of America." Under the bill, each state agency must change references to the "Gulf of Mexico" in geographic materials to the "Gulf of America." Similarly, starting on July 1, 2025, public and charter schools may only acquire instructional and library materials using the term "Gulf of America," as opposed to the "Gulf of Mexico."

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on July 1, 2025. *Vote: Senate 28-9; House 78-29*

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