

By the Committee on Appropriations

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Resilient Florida Trust Fund;
3 creating s. 380.0935, F.S.; creating the Resilient
4 Florida Trust Fund within the Department of
5 Environmental Protection; providing for the purpose of
6 the fund; providing for future review and termination
7 or re-creation of the fund; providing a contingent
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Effective July 1, 2021, section 380.0935,
13 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

14 380.0935 Resilient Florida Trust Fund.-

15 (1) The Resilient Florida Trust Fund is created within the
16 Department of Environmental Protection.

17 (2) Moneys deposited in the fund are available as a funding
18 source for the department for the Resilient Florida Grant
19 Program and the Statewide Flooding and Sea-Level Rise Resilience
20 Plan, including costs to operate the grant program, to develop
21 the plan, and to provide grants to regional resilience
22 coalitions pursuant to s. 380.093. The department may also use
23 moneys deposited in the fund for administrative and operational
24 costs of the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and
25 Innovation pursuant to s. 380.0933 and coastal resilience
26 initiatives.

27 (3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State
28 Constitution, the Resilient Florida Trust Fund shall, unless
29 terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2025. Before its

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30 scheduled termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in
31 s. 215.3206(1) and (2).

32 Section 2. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
33 act, this act shall take effect on the same date that SB 1954 or
34 similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted
35 in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and
36 becomes a law.