A bill to be entitled
An act relating to resiliency; creating s. 14.2031, F.S.; establishing the Statewide Office of Resiliency within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing for appointment of the Chief Resilience Officer by the Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force adjunct to the office; specifying the purpose of the task force; providing for the membership of the task force; providing timeframes for initial appointments and the task force’s initial meeting; specifying duties of the task force; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for specified services, upon request of the task force; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to serve as the task force’s contract administrator and to provide administrative support; authorizing the designation of technical advisory groups for specified purposes; prescribing reporting requirements; requiring the Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain action on the task force’s recommendations; specifying the function of the consensus baseline projections; providing for future repeal of the task force; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 14.2031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
14.2031 Statewide Office of Resiliency.—The Statewide Office of Resiliency is established within the Executive Office of the Governor. The office shall be headed by a Chief Resilience Officer, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Chief Resilience Officer shall perform duties and responsibilities assigned by the Governor.

(1) The Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(8), is created adjunct to the Statewide Office of Resiliency. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the task force shall operate in a manner consistent with s. 20.052. The purpose of the task force is to recommend consensus projections of the anticipated sea-level rise and flooding impacts along this state’s coastline.

(2) The task force is composed of the following members:

(a) The Chief Resilience Officer, who shall serve as chair.
(b) The Chief Science Officer of the Department of Environmental Protection, who shall serve as vice chair.
(c) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.
(d) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(e) One representative each from the Department of Transportation, the Division of Emergency Management, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department of Economic Opportunity, each appointed by his or her respective agency head, division director, executive director, or commission chair.

All appointments to the task force must be made no later than
August 1, 2021. Any vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(3) The Chief Resilience Officer shall convene the task force by no later than October 1, 2021. The task force shall meet thereafter upon the call of the chair.

(4)(a) The task force shall develop official scientific information, from appropriate sources as determined by the task force, necessary to make recommendations on consensus baseline projections, or a range of projections, of the expected rise in sea level along the state’s coastline for planning horizons designated by the task force. The projections may address various geographic areas of the state, as determined by the task force.

(b) The task force may request the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for services to assist the task force in developing the recommended official baseline projections. The Department of Environmental Protection shall serve as the contract administrator for any such contracts.

(c) The Department of Environmental Protection shall provide administrative support to the task force.

(d) The task force may designate technical advisory groups, as it deems necessary, to assist in the gathering of scientific data to inform the task force’s decisionmaking.

(5) By January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit its recommended consensus baseline projections to the Environmental Regulation Commission, created pursuant to s. 20.255(6). The commission shall adopt or reject the task force’s recommended projections. Following adoption by the commission, these projections serve as the state’s official estimate of sea-level
rise and flooding impacts along the state’s coastline and must be used for the purpose of developing future state projects, plans, and programs. In its report, the task force must include supporting data and assumptions used by the task force in developing the recommended projections. The task force shall review the adopted consensus baseline projections as it deems appropriate, and shall submit any recommended revisions to the projections to the commission.

(6) Subsections (1) through (5) and this subsection are repealed July 1, 2024.

Section 2. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the sum of $500,000 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of funding any contracts for services entered into by the department to assist the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force in developing its recommended official baseline projections and for the administrative expenses of the task force.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.