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

18 funding source for the department for the Resilient Florida

19 Grant Program and the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise

20 Resilience Plan, including costs to operate the grant program,

21 to develop the plan, and to provide grants to regional

22 resilience coalitions pursuant to s. 380.093. The department may

23 also use moneys deposited in the fund for administrative and

24 operational costs of the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research

25 and 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

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 HB 7019 or

34 similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted

35 in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and

36 becomes law.

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