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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the inland and coast

An act relating to the inland and coastal flood control funding assessment; amending s. 403.928, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to include specified information relating to inland and coastal flood control in certain assessments; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsections (3) through (7) of section 403.928, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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403.928 Assessment of water resources and conservation lands.—The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall conduct an annual assessment of Florida's water resources and conservation lands.

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(3) <u>ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.-</u>The assessment <u>must:</u>

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(a) shall Include analyses on a statewide, regional, or geographic basis, as appropriate, and shall identify analytical challenges in assessing information across the different regions of the state.

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(b) (4) The assessment must Identify any overlap in the expenditures for water resources and conservation lands.

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(4) INLAND AND COASTAL FLOOD CONTROL.—At least every 5 years, beginning in 2021, the Office of Economic and Demographic

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Research must include in the assessment an analysis of future expenditures by federal, state, regional, and local governments necessary to improve resilience to inland and coastal flooding associated with sea level rise, high tide events, storm surge, flash flood, stormwater runoff, and increased rainfall on a 50-year or longer planning period. The analysis must identify gaps between projected and estimated revenues, expenditures, and needs.

(5) ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE.-

- (a) The water management districts, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, counties, municipalities, and special districts shall provide assistance to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research related to their respective areas of expertise.
- (b) (6) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research must be given access to any data held by an agency as defined in s. 112.312 if the Office of Economic and Demographic Research considers the data necessary to complete the assessment, including any confidential data.
- (6) (7) ASSESSMENT SUBMISSION.—The assessment shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2017, and by January 1 of each year thereafter.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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