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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a study of the Little Wekiva River;
3 requiring the Department of Environmental Protection,
4 in consultation with the St. Johns River Water
5 Management District, Seminole County, the Fish and
6 Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Department
7 of Transportation, to conduct a study and issue a
8 report on sediment accumulation and water quality in
9 the Little Wekiva River by a specified date; amending
10 s. 369.307, F.S.; requiring a permit application for a
11 development located partially or wholly within the
12 Wekiva River Protection Area to include a study of the
13 potential impacts to the Wekiva River; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. The Department of Environmental Protection, in
19 consultation with the St. Johns River Water Management District,
20 Seminole County, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,
21 and the Department of Transportation, shall conduct a study and
22 issue a report by December 31, 2021, to identify the source of
23 sediment accumulation in the Little Wekiva River and detail
24 improvements to the water quality and ecology of the area which
25 might be achieved by efforts to dredge the river channel and
26 remove invasive plants. The report must include an estimated
27 cost for each improvement and potential funding sources.

28 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 369.307, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

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30 369.307 Developments of regional impact in the Wekiva River
31 Protection Area; land acquisition.—

32 (1) Notwithstanding s. 380.06(4), the counties shall
33 consider and issue the development permits applicable to a
34 proposed development of regional impact which is located
35 partially or wholly within the Wekiva River Protection Area at
36 the same time as the development order approving, approving with
37 conditions, or denying a development of regional impact. A
38 permit application for a development that is located partially
39 or wholly within the Wekiva River Protection Area must include a
40 study of the potential impacts to the Wekiva River from the
41 proposed development project.

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