

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the solid waste disposal facility
3 in Broward County; defining the term "Monarch Hill
4 Landfill"; requiring a feasibility study and public
5 hearing before any expansion of the Monarch Hill
6 Landfill; providing requirements for the study and
7 public hearing; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 **Section 1.** Monarch Hill Landfill; Expansion Requirements
12 in Broward County.

13 (1) Definition.—As used in this section, the term "Monarch
14 Hill Landfill" refers to the solid waste disposal facility
15 located in Broward County, currently operated under permits
16 issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

17 (2) Feasibility Study Requirement.—Before issuing or
18 approving any application, zoning change, permit, or development
19 order that would allow for the physical expansion of the Monarch
20 Hill Landfill, Broward County must commission a feasibility
21 study, to be conducted by an independent third-party entity with
22 expertise in environmental engineering, solid waste management,
23 and public health impacts. The feasibility study must include,
24 but need not be limited to:

25 (a) Assessment of the environmental and public health

26 impacts of the proposed expansion.

27 (b) Analysis of alternative waste management solutions,
28 including waste-to-energy technologies.

29 (c) Evaluation of potential impacts to surrounding
30 communities, including odor, traffic, noise, and groundwater
31 contamination.

32 (d) Consideration of the cumulative impact of existing
33 operations and the proposed expansion.

34 (3) Public Hearing Requirement.—At least one public
35 hearing must be held in Broward County, within a 5-mile radius
36 of the Monarch Hill Landfill, before the final approval of any
37 proposed expansion. The hearing must meet all of the following
38 requirements:

39 (a) Be publicly noticed at least 30 days in advance
40 through local media, the county's website, and direct notice to
41 property owners within a 2-mile radius of the Monarch Hill
42 Landfill.

43 (b) Allow for meaningful public input, including written
44 and oral testimony.

45 (c) Include a presentation of the findings of the
46 feasibility study.

47 (4) Conditions on Expansion Approval and Permitting.—
48 Approval of an application, zoning change, permit, or
49 development order that would allow for the physical expansion of
50 the Monarch Hill Landfill may not proceed until the feasibility

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51 study and public hearing required in this section have been
52 completed and publicly disclosed.

53 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.