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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to dredging and beach restoration
3	projects; amending s. 403.816, F.S.; directing the
4	Department of Environmental Protection to require, as
5	a condition of permits issued for certain dredging and
6	beach restoration projects, that any adverse impact
7	analysis conducted for the activity meet certain
8	requirements; requiring a local government to provide
9	notice of its intent to conduct an analysis to certain
10	adjacent local governments; providing applicability;
11	providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 403.816, Florida
16	Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new
17	subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:
18	403.816 Permits for maintenance dredging of deepwater
19	ports and beach restoration projects
20	(3) As a condition of a permit issued for a project
21	pursuant to this section, the department shall require that any
22	analysis to determine the adverse impacts of the activity on the
23	natural habitat be conducted by an independent contractor
24	selected by the local government and in a manner prescribed by
25	the department. The independent contractor conducting the
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26	analysis may not be associated with any project of the
27	contractor performing the activity for the local government for
28	a period of 5 years before the commencement of the analysis or
29	for a period of 5 years after the completion of the analysis.
30	The local government shall provide written notice of its intent
31	to have an analysis conducted to adjacent local governments that
32	may be impacted by the activity. However, this subsection does
33	not apply to any deepwater port maintenance dredging currently
34	permitted or maintained by the United States Army Corps of
35	Engineers.
36	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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