A bill to be entitled

An act relating to saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments; amending s. 380.093, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to provide grants to coastal counties for saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments; specifying the purpose of and requirements for the assessments; requiring the department to update the comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and make certain information received from the saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments available on its website; requiring the department to provide costshare funding up to a specified amount for awarded grants; specifying that certain counties are not required to contribute to the cost-share funding; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 380.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to that subsection, to read:

380.093 Resilient Florida Grant Program; comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and assessment; Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience

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Plan; regional resilience entities.-

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- (3) RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM. -
- (b) Subject to appropriation, the department may provide grants to a county or municipality to fund:
- 1. The costs of community resilience planning and necessary data collection for such planning, including comprehensive plan amendments and necessary corresponding analyses that address the requirements of s. 163.3178(2)(f).
- 2. Vulnerability assessments that identify or address risks of inland or coastal flooding and sea level rise.
- 3. The development of projects, plans, and policies that allow communities to prepare for threats from flooding and sea level rise.
- 4. Preconstruction activities for projects to be submitted for inclusion in the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan which that are located in a municipality that has a population of 10,000 or less fewer or a county that has a population of 50,000 or less fewer, according to the most recent April 1 population estimates posted on the Office of Economic and Demographic Research's website.
- 5. For coastal counties, saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments pursuant to paragraph (e).
- (e) Under the Resilient Florida Grant Program, beginning

  July 1, 2024, the department may provide grants to coastal

  counties to conduct vulnerability assessments analyzing the

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effects of saltwater intrusion on a county's water supply and the preparedness of the county to respond to such a threat, including water utility infrastructure, wellfield protection, and freshwater supply management.

- 1. Each saltwater vulnerability assessment must include all of the following information:
  - a. The county's primary water utilities.

- b. Current maps of the county's freshwater wellfields and latest saltwater intrusion impact lines.
- c. Projections of saltwater intrusion over the next decade, including specific wells that may be impacted during that timeframe.
- d. An analysis of the costs necessary to relocate freshwater wellfields anticipated to be impacted, including current projects that are underway to relocate the freshwater wellfields.
- 2. The department shall use the information contained in the county's vulnerability assessment to update its comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set under subsection (4).
- 3. The department shall make available to the public, on the department's website, any appropriate information from the vulnerability assessment it receives from coastal counties pursuant to this paragraph.
  - 4. The department shall provide 50 percent cost-share

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76	funding, up to \$250,000, for each grant awarded und	der this	
77	paragraph. A county with a population of 50,000 or	less is no	o t
78	8 required to contribute to the cost share.		

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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