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

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30 | Section 1. Subsections (3) and (15) of section 161.053,  
 31 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

32 | 161.053 Coastal construction and excavation; regulation on  
 33 | county basis.—

34 | (3) A coastal county or coastal municipality may establish  
 35 | coastal construction zoning and building codes in lieu of the  
 36 | provisions of this section if such zones and codes were ~~are~~  
 37 | approved in writing by the department on or before December 1,  
 38 | 2023, as being adequate to preserve and protect the beaches and  
 39 | coastal barrier dunes adjacent to such beaches, which are under  
 40 | the jurisdiction of the department, from imprudent construction  
 41 | that will jeopardize the stability of the beach-dune system,  
 42 | accelerate erosion, provide inadequate protection to upland  
 43 | structures, endanger adjacent properties, or interfere with  
 44 | public beach access. Exceptions to locally established coastal  
 45 | construction zoning and building codes may not be granted unless  
 46 | previously approved by the department before December 1, 2023.

47 | The intent of this subsection is to provide for the local  
 48 | administration of established coastal construction control lines  
 49 | through approved zoning and building codes if desired by local  
 50 | interests and where such local interests have, in the judgment

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51 of the department, sufficient funds and personnel to adequately  
52 administer the program. Should the department determine at any  
53 time that the program is inadequately administered, the  
54 department may revoke the authority granted to the county or  
55 municipality.

56 (15) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the  
57 department may delegate ~~In keeping with the intent of subsection~~  
58 ~~(3),~~ authority for permitting certain types of activities that  
59 have been defined by the department ~~may be delegated by the~~  
60 ~~department~~ to a coastal county or coastal municipality. Such  
61 partial delegation must ~~shall~~ be narrowly construed to those  
62 particular activities specifically named in the delegation and  
63 agreed to by the affected county or municipality. The delegation  
64 may be revoked by the department at any time if it is determined  
65 that the delegation is improperly or inadequately administered.

66 (b) The department may not delegate such authority to a  
67 coastal county or coastal municipality that did not receive  
68 local coastal construction zoning and building code exceptions  
69 to the coastal control line on or before December 1, 2023,  
70 pursuant to subsection (3).

71 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
72 380.093, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is  
73 added to that subsection, to read:

74 380.093 Resilient Florida Grant Program; comprehensive  
75 statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and

76 assessment; Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience  
 77 Plan; regional resilience entities.—

78 (3) RESILIENT FLORIDA GRANT PROGRAM.—

79 (b) Subject to appropriation, the department may provide  
 80 grants to any ~~each~~ of the following entities:

81 1. A county or municipality to fund:

82 a. The costs of community resilience planning and  
 83 necessary data collection for such planning, including  
 84 comprehensive plan amendments and necessary corresponding  
 85 analyses that address the requirements of s. 163.3178(2)(f).

86 b. Vulnerability assessments that identify or address  
 87 risks of inland or coastal flooding and sea level rise.

88 c. For coastal counties beginning July 1, 2025, saltwater  
 89 intrusion vulnerability assessments that analyze the effects of  
 90 saltwater intrusion on the coastal county's water supply and the  
 91 preparedness of the coastal county to respond to such a threat.

92 ~~d.e.~~ The development of projects, plans, and policies that  
 93 allow communities to prepare for threats from flooding and sea  
 94 level rise.

95 ~~e.d.~~ Preconstruction activities for projects ~~to be~~  
 96 submitted for inclusion in the Statewide Flooding and Sea Level  
 97 Rise Resilience Plan and ~~that are~~ located in a municipality that  
 98 has a population of 10,000 or less ~~fewer~~ or a county that has a  
 99 population of 50,000 or less ~~fewer~~, according to the most recent  
 100 April 1 population estimates posted on the Office of Economic

101 and Demographic Research's website.

102 ~~f.e.~~ Feasibility studies and the cost of permitting for  
 103 nature-based solutions that reduce the impact of flooding and  
 104 sea level rise.

105 2. A water management district identified in s. 373.069 to  
 106 support local government adaptation planning, which may be  
 107 conducted by the water management district or by a third party  
 108 on behalf of the water management district. Such grants must be  
 109 used for the express purpose of supporting the Florida Flood Hub  
 110 for Applied Research and Innovation and the department in  
 111 implementing this section through data creation and collection,  
 112 modeling, and the implementation of statewide standards.  
 113 Priority must be given to filling critical data gaps identified  
 114 by the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation  
 115 under s. 380.0933(2)(a).

116 (e)1. A saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessment  
 117 conducted pursuant to sub-subparagraph (b)1.c. must include an  
 118 analysis of all of the following information:

119 a. The coastal county's primary water utilities.

120 b. Current maps of the coastal county's freshwater  
 121 wellfields and latest saltwater intrusion impact lines.

122 c. Projections of saltwater intrusion over the next  
 123 decade, including specific wells that may be impacted during  
 124 that timeframe.

125 d. The costs necessary to relocate freshwater wellfields

126 anticipated to be impacted, including current projects that are  
127 underway to relocate the freshwater wellfields.

128 2. The department shall do all of the following:

129 a. Use the information contained in a coastal county's  
130 saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessment to update its  
131 comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability and sea level rise  
132 data set under subsection (4).

133 b. Make publicly available on the department's website any  
134 appropriate information from a saltwater intrusion vulnerability  
135 assessment it receives from coastal counties pursuant to this  
136 paragraph.

137 c. Provide 50 percent cost-share funding up to \$250,000  
138 for each grant awarded under this paragraph. A coastal county  
139 with a population of 50,000 or less is not required to  
140 contribute to the cost share.

141 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.