1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to the federal Resources and

3   Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and

4   Revived Economies (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast States

5   Act; amending s. 377.43, F.S.; clarifying that the

6   process by which a county, or an entity formed by the

7   state or a county, appropriates funds received through

8   the RESTORE Act is subject to the open government

9   requirements of s. 24, Art. I of the State

10   Constitution and ss. 119.07(1) and 286.011, F.S.;

11   requiring a county receiving RESTORE Act funds to post

12   each proposed appropriation of funds received under

13   the act as a line item on its website within a certain

14   timeframe; providing an 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. Subsection (6) is added to section 377.43,

19   Florida Statutes, to read:

20   377.43 Disbursement of funds received for damages caused

21   by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.—

22   (6)(a) For purposes of this section, the process by which

23   a county, or an entity formed by the state or a county,

24   appropriates funds received through the Resources and Ecosystems

25   Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies

26   (RESTORE) of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-141,

27 div. A, title I, subtitle F, ss. 1601 et seq., is subject to the

28 open government requirements of s. 24, Art. I of the State

29 Constitution and ss. 119.07(1) and 286.011.

30   (b) A county receiving RESTORE Act funds shall post each

31 proposed appropriation of funds received under the act as a line

32 item on its website at least 30 days before the meeting during

33 which the proposed appropriation is to be voted on to ensure

34 that the public has ample time to review and comment on the

35 proposed appropriation.

36   Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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