

**By** the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and  
Senator Stewart

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a comprehensive waste reduction and  
3           recycling plan; amending s. 403.7032, F.S.; requiring  
4           the Department of Environmental Protection to develop  
5           a comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan for  
6           this state by a specified date, based on certain  
7           department recommendations; requiring the department  
8           to convene a technical assistance group for a  
9           specified purpose; providing minimum requirements for  
10          the plan; requiring the department to submit a report  
11          to the Legislature upon completion of the  
12          comprehensive plan; providing requirements for the  
13          report; providing an effective date.

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

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17           Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 403.7032,  
18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19           403.7032 Recycling.—

20           (6) By July 1, 2023, the Department of Environmental  
21 Protection shall develop a comprehensive waste reduction and  
22 recycling plan for this state based on recommendations from the  
23 department's Florida and the 2020 75% Recycling Goal Final  
24 Report. The department shall convene a technical assistance  
25 group within the department to help develop the plan.

26           (a) The comprehensive plan, at a minimum, must:

27           1. Identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials  
28 management and waste diversion.

29           2. Include a 3-year plan to implement the following

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30 strategies:

31 a. Recycling education and outreach. The department shall  
32 propose statewide solutions to provide local recycling  
33 information and education throughout this state.

34 b. Local government recycling assistance. The department  
35 shall evaluate the benefits and challenges of the former state  
36 Recycling and Education Grant Program and provide  
37 recommendations for reinstating the program or considering other  
38 means of providing assistance to local governments.

39 c. Recycling materials market development. The department  
40 shall consider and recommend plans to develop and promote  
41 markets for recycling materials.

42 (b) Upon completion of the plan, the department shall  
43 provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
44 of the House of Representatives. The report must include an  
45 update on the status of the plan and any recommendations for  
46 statutory changes necessary to achieve the recycling goals or  
47 strategies identified in the plan.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.