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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; specifying minimum requirements for the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to 10 11 submit a report to the Legislature upon completion of 12 the comprehensive plan; specifying requirements for 13 the report; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 Subsection (6) is added to section 403.7032, 17 Section 1. 18 Florida Statutes, to read: 19 403.7032 Recycling.-20 By July 1, 2025, 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

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Report." The department shall convene a technical assistance

group within the department to help develop the plan.

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	(a)	At	а	minimum,	the	comprehensive	plan	must	do	all	of
the	following:										

- 1. Identify recycling goals based on sustainable materials management and waste diversion.
- 2. Include a 3-year plan to implement all of the following
 strategies:
- a. Recycling education and outreach. The department shall propose statewide solutions to provide local recycling information and education throughout this state.
- b. Local government recycling assistance. The department shall evaluate the benefits and challenges of the former state Recycling and Education Grant Program and provide recommendations for reinstating the program or considering other means of providing recycling assistance to local governments.
- c. Recycling materials market development. The department shall consider and recommend plans to develop and promote markets for recycling materials.
- (b) Upon completion of the comprehensive waste reduction and recycling plan, the department shall provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must include an update on the status of the plan and any recommendations for statutory changes necessary to achieve the recycling goals or strategies identified in the plan.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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