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2 An act relating to environmental resource management;
3 providing a short title; requiring the Department of
4 Health to provide a specified report to the Governor
5 and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the
6 Department of Health and the Department of
7 Environmental Protection to submit to the Governor and
8 the Legislature, by a specified date, certain
9 recommendations relating to the transfer of the Onsite
10 Sewage Program; requiring the departments to enter
11 into an interagency agreement that meets certain
12 requirements by a specified date; transferring the
13 Onsite Sewage Program within the Department of Health
14 to the Department of Environmental Protection by a
15 type two transfer by a specified date; providing that
16 certain employees retain and transfer certain types of
17 leave upon the transfer; amending s. 373.036, F.S.;
18 directing water management districts to submit
19 consolidated annual reports to the Office of Economic
20 and Demographic Research; requiring such reports to
21 include connection and conversion projects for onsite
22 sewage treatment and disposal systems; requiring the
23 Department of Environmental Protection, in
24 coordination with the water management districts, to
25 conduct a study on the bottled water industry in this
26 state; providing requirements for the study; requiring
27 the department to submit a report containing the
28 findings of the study to the Governor and the
29 Legislature by a specified date; defining terms;

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407 **Section 5.** Subsection (5) of section 373.4131, Florida
408 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that
409 section, to read:

410 373.4131 Statewide environmental resource permitting
411 rules.—

412 (5) To ensure consistent implementation and interpretation
413 of the rules adopted pursuant to this section, the department
414 shall conduct or oversee regular assessment and training of its
415 staff and the staffs of the water management districts and local
416 governments delegated local pollution control program authority
417 under s. 373.441. The training must include field inspections of
418 publicly and privately owned stormwater structural controls,
419 such as stormwater retention and detention ponds.

420 (6) By January 1, 2021:

421 (a) The department and the water management districts shall
422 initiate rulemaking to update the stormwater design and
423 operation regulations, including updates to the Environmental
424 Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook, using the most recent
425 scientific information available. As part of rule development,
426 the department shall consider and address low-impact design best
427 management practices and design criteria that increase the
428 removal of nutrients from stormwater discharges, and measures
429 for consistent application of the net improvement performance
430 standard to ensure significant reductions of any pollutant
431 loadings to a waterbody.

432 (b) The department shall review and evaluate permits and
433 inspection data by those entities that submit a self-
434 certification under s. 403.814(12) for compliance with state
435 water quality standards and provide the Legislature with

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436 recommendations for improvements to the self-certification
437 process, including, but not limited to, additional staff
438 resources for department review of portions of the process where
439 high-priority water quality issues justify such action.

440 Section 6. Subsection (7) is added to section 381.0065,
441 Florida Statutes, to read:

442 381.0065 Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems;
443 regulation.—

444 (7) USE OF ENHANCED NUTRIENT-REDUCING ONSITE SEWAGE
445 TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.—To meet the requirements of a
446 total maximum daily load, the department shall implement a fast-
447 track approval process of no longer than 6 months for the
448 determination of the use of American National Standards
449 Institute 245 systems approved by NSF International before July
450 1, 2020.

451 Section 7. Effective July 1, 2021, present paragraphs (d)
452 through (q) of subsection (2) of section 381.0065, Florida
453 Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (r),
454 respectively, subsections (3) and (4) of that section are
455 amended, and a new paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
456 that section, to read:

457 381.0065 Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems;
458 regulation.—

459 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in ss. 381.0065-381.0067, the
460 term:

461 (d) "Department" means the Department of Environmental
462 Protection.

463 (3) DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
464 PROTECTION HEALTH.—The department shall: