1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to land use and development 3 regulations; amending s. 70.51, F.S.; specifying the 4 types of relief that may be included in a negotiated 5 settlement; requiring a special magistrate to consider 6 the public interest served by comprehensive plan 7 provisions that are inconsistent with proposed relief; 8 revising the requirements of a governmental entity 9 after the receipt of a special magistrate's recommendation; revising the effect of a special 10 11 magistrate's recommendation; providing procedures for deeming relief granted by a special magistrate's 12 13 recommendation or a negotiated settlement consistent with comprehensive plan; amending s. 163.3164, F.S.; 14 revising definitions; amending s. 163.3177, F.S.; 15 16 revising the types of data that comprehensive plans and plan amendments must be based on; revising means 17 18 by which an application of a methodology used in data 19 collection or whether a particular methodology is professionally accepted may be evaluated; revising the 20 21 elements that must be included in a comprehensive 22 plan; revising the planning periods that must be 23 included in a comprehensive plan; amending s. 24 163.3191, F.S.; revising the frequency at which a 25 local government must evaluate its comprehensive plan

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for specified purposes; requiring, rather than authorizing, a local government to comprehensively evaluate and update its comprehensive plans to reflect changes in local conditions; requiring a local government to submit an affidavit for specified purposes; prohibiting a local government from publicly initiating or adopting plan amendments to its comprehensive plan when it fails to meet certain requirements; requiring the state land planning agency to provide certain information when a local government fails to update its comprehensive plan; amending s. 163.3202, F.S.; revising content requirements for local land development regulations; revising exceptions to applicability of land development regulations relating to single-family or two-family dwelling building design elements; deleting a definition; amending s. 163.3246, F.S.; revising terminology; amending ss. 189.08 and 479.01, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsections (17) and (18), paragraph (a) of subsection (21), and subsection (25) of section 70.51, Florida

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Statutes, are amended to read:

- 70.51 Land use and environmental dispute resolution. -
- (17) In all respects, the hearing must be informal and open to the public and does not require the use of an attorney. The hearing must operate at the direction and under the supervision of the special magistrate. The object of the hearing is to focus attention on the impact of the governmental action giving rise to the request for relief and to explore alternatives to the development order or enforcement action and other regulatory efforts by the governmental entities in order to recommend relief, when appropriate, to the owner.
- (a) The first responsibility of the special magistrate is to facilitate a resolution of the conflict between the owner and governmental entities to the end that some modification of the owner's proposed use of the property or adjustment in the development order or enforcement action or regulatory efforts by one or more of the governmental parties may be reached.

 Accordingly, the special magistrate shall act as a facilitator or mediator between the parties in an effort to effect a mutually acceptable solution. The parties shall be represented at the mediation by persons with authority to bind their respective parties to a solution, or by persons with authority to recommend a solution directly to the persons with authority to bind their respective parties to a solution. A negotiated settlement may include, but is not limited to, one or more of

the following types of relief or other extraordinary relief deemed appropriate by the parties:

- 1. An adjustment of land development or permit standards or other provisions controlling the development or use of land for the property subject to the dispute or other property owned or controlled by the parties to the settlement.
- 2. Increases or modifications in the density, intensity, or use of areas of development.
 - 3. The transfer of development rights.
 - 4. Land swaps or exchanges.
- 5. Mitigation relief, including payments in lieu of onsite mitigation.
 - 6. Location on the least sensitive portion of the property.
 - 7. Conditioning the amount of development or use permitted.
- 8. A requirement that issues be addressed on a more comprehensive basis than a single proposed use or development.
- 9. Issuance of the development order, a variance, special exception, or other extraordinary relief, including withdrawal of the enforcement action.
- 10. Purchase of the real property, or an interest therein, by an appropriate governmental entity or payment of compensation.
- (b) If an acceptable solution is not reached by the parties after the special magistrate's attempt at mediation, the special magistrate shall consider the facts and circumstances set forth

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in the request for relief and any responses and any other information produced at the hearing in order to determine whether the action by the governmental entity or entities is unreasonable or unfairly burdens the real property.

- (c) In conducting the hearing, the special magistrate may hear from all parties and witnesses that are necessary to an understanding of the matter. The special magistrate shall weigh all information offered at the hearing.
- (18) The circumstances to be examined in determining whether the development order or enforcement action, or the development order or enforcement action in conjunction with regulatory efforts of other governmental parties, is unreasonable or unfairly burdens use of the property may include, but are not limited to:
- (a) The history of the real property, including when it was purchased, how much was purchased, where it is located, the nature of the title, the composition of the property, and how it was initially used.
- (b) The history or development and use of the real property, including what was developed on the property and by whom, if it was subdivided and how and to whom it was sold, whether plats were filed or recorded, and whether infrastructure and other public services or improvements may have been dedicated to the public.
 - (c) The history of environmental protection and land use

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controls and other regulations, including how and when the land was classified, how use was proscribed, and what changes in classifications occurred.

- (d) The present nature and extent of the real property, including its natural and altered characteristics.
- (e) The reasonable expectations of the owner at the time of acquisition, or immediately prior to the implementation of the regulation at issue, whichever is later, under the regulations then in effect and under common law.
- (f) The public purpose sought to be achieved by the development order or enforcement action, including the nature and magnitude of the problem addressed by the underlying regulations on which the development order or enforcement action is based; whether the development order or enforcement action is necessary to the achievement of the public purpose; and whether there are alternative development orders or enforcement action conditions that would achieve the public purpose and allow for reduced restrictions on the use of the property.
- (g) Uses authorized for and restrictions placed on similar property.
- (h) The public interest served by the local comprehensive plan provisions that are inconsistent with the proposed relief granted by the special magistrate's recommendation.
- (i) (h) Any other information determined relevant by the special magistrate.

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- (21) Within 45 days after receipt of the special magistrate's recommendation, the governmental entity responsible for the development order or enforcement action and other governmental entities participating in the proceeding must consult among themselves and each governmental entity must:
- (a) Accept the recommendation of the special magistrate as submitted and proceed to implement it by development agreement, when appropriate, or by other method, in the ordinary course and consistent with the rules and procedures of that governmental entity. However, the decision of the governmental entity to accept the recommendation of the special magistrate with respect to granting a rezoning, modification, variance, or special exception to the application of statutes, rules, regulations, comprehensive plans, or ordinances as they would otherwise apply to the subject property does not require an owner to duplicate previous processes in which the owner has participated in order to effectuate the granting of the modification, variance, or special exception. Any recommendation of the special magistrate with respect to granting a rezoning of property is not considered contract zoning;
- (25) Regardless of the action the governmental entity takes on the special magistrate's recommendation, a recommendation that the development order or enforcement action, or the development order or enforcement action in combination with other governmental regulatory actions, is unreasonable or

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unfairly burdens use of the owner's real property may serve as an indication of sufficient hardship to support a rezoning, modification, variance variances, or special exception exceptions to the application of statutes, rules, regulations, or ordinances to the subject property. If the relief granted within the special magistrate's recommendation or a negotiated settlement entered into under this section has the effect of contravening local comprehensive plans or is inconsistent with the local government's adopted comprehensive pan, the recommendation or approved negotiated settlement shall be deemed consistent with the comprehensive plan under s. 163.3194 if the special magistrate or the governing body of the local government finds that the settlement agreement and approved development protects the public interest served by the comprehensive plan provisions with which it is inconsistent.

- Section 2. Subsections (12), (22), (51), and (52) of section 163.3164, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 163.3164 Community Planning Act; definitions.—As used in this act:
 - (12) "Density" means an objective measurement of the number of people or residential units allowed per unit of land, such as <u>dwelling units</u> residents or employees per acre.
 - (22) "Intensity" means an objective measurement of the extent to which land may be developed or used <u>expressed in</u> square feet per unit of land, such as a maximum floor ratio per

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acre, including the consumption or use of the space above, on, or below ground; the measurement of the use of or demand on natural resources; and the measurement of the use of or demand on facilities and services.

- (51) "Urban service area" means:
- (a) Areas identified in the comprehensive plan where public facilities and services, including, but not limited to, central water and sewer capacity and roads, are already in place or may be expanded through investment by the are identified in the capital improvements element. The term includes any areas identified in the comprehensive plan as urban service areas, regardless of local government or by the private sector limitation.
- (b) All lands located in any county or municipality that has been designated as a Dense Urban Land Area as defined in s. 380.0651(3)(a).
- (52) "Urban sprawl" means an unplanned and uncontrolled a development pattern characterized by low density, automobile—dependent development with either a single use or multiple uses that are not functionally related, requiring the extension of public facilities and services in an inefficient manner, and failing to provide a clear separation between urban and rural uses.
- Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1), subsection (2), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and paragraph (a) of

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subsection (6) of section 163.3177, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

163.3177 Required and optional elements of comprehensive plan; studies and surveys.—

The comprehensive plan shall provide the principles, (1)quidelines, standards, and strategies for the orderly and balanced future economic, social, physical, environmental, and fiscal development of the area that reflects community commitments to implement the plan and its elements. These principles and strategies shall quide future decisions in a consistent manner and shall contain programs and activities to ensure comprehensive plans are implemented. The sections of the comprehensive plan containing the principles and strategies, generally provided as goals, objectives, and policies, shall describe how the local government's programs, activities, and land development regulations will be initiated, modified, or continued to implement the comprehensive plan in a consistent manner. It is not the intent of this part to require the inclusion of implementing regulations in the comprehensive plan but rather to require identification of those programs, activities, and land development regulations that will be part of the strategy for implementing the comprehensive plan and the principles that describe how the programs, activities, and land development regulations will be carried out. The plan shall establish meaningful and predictable standards for the use and

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development of land and provide meaningful guidelines for the content of more detailed land development and use regulations.

- (f) All required mandatory and optional elements of the comprehensive plan and plan amendments shall be based upon relevant and appropriate data and an analysis by the local government that may include, but not be limited to, surveys, studies, community goals and vision, and other data available at the time of adoption of the comprehensive plan or plan amendment. To be based on data means to react to it in an appropriate way and to the extent necessary indicated by the data available on that particular subject at the time of adoption of the plan or plan amendment at issue.
- 1. Surveys, studies, and data utilized in the preparation of the comprehensive plan may not be deemed a part of the comprehensive plan unless adopted as a part of it. Copies of such studies, surveys, data, and supporting documents for proposed plans and plan amendments shall be made available for public inspection, and copies of such plans shall be made available to the public upon payment of reasonable charges for reproduction. Support data or summaries shall be are not subject to the compliance review process, but the comprehensive plan must be clearly based on appropriate data. Support data or summaries may be used to aid in the determination of compliance and consistency.
 - 2. Data must be taken from professionally accepted

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sources. The application of a methodology utilized in data collection or whether a particular methodology is professionally accepted may be evaluated. However, the evaluation may not include whether one accepted methodology is better than another. Original data collection by local governments is not required. However, local governments may use original data so long as methodologies are professionally accepted.

- 3. The comprehensive plan shall be based upon permanent and seasonal population estimates and projections, which shall either be those published by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research or generated by the local government based upon a professionally acceptable methodology, whichever is greater. The plan must be based on at least the minimum amount of land required to accommodate the medium projections as published by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research for at least a 10-year planning period unless otherwise limited under s. 380.05, including related rules of the Administration Commission. Absent physical limitations on population growth, population projections for each municipality, and the unincorporated area within a county must, at a minimum, be reflective of each area's proportional share of the total county population and the total county population growth.
- (2) Coordination of the <u>required and optional</u> several elements of the local comprehensive plan shall be a major objective of the planning process. The required and optional

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Several elements of the comprehensive plan shall be consistent. Optional elements of the comprehensive plan may not contain policies that restrict the density or intensity established in the future land use element. Where data is relevant to required and optional several elements, consistent data shall be used, including population estimates and projections unless alternative data can be justified for a plan amendment through new supporting data and analysis. Each map depicting future conditions must reflect the principles, guidelines, and standards within all elements, and each such map must be contained within the comprehensive plan.

- (5)(a) Each local government comprehensive plan must include at least two planning periods, one covering at least the first 10-year 5-year period occurring after the plan's adoption and one covering at least a 20-year 10-year period. Additional planning periods for specific components, elements, land use amendments, or projects shall be permissible and accepted as part of the planning process.
- (6) In addition to the requirements of subsections (1) (5), the comprehensive plan shall include the following elements:
- (a) A future land use plan element designating proposed future general distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land for residential uses, commercial uses, industry, agriculture, recreation, conservation, education, public

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facilities, and other categories of the public and private uses of land. The approximate acreage and the general range of density or intensity of use shall be provided for the gross land area included in each existing land use category. The element shall establish the long-term end toward which land use programs and activities are ultimately directed.

- 1. Each future land use category must be defined in terms of uses included, and must include standards to be followed in the control and distribution of population densities and building and structure intensities. The proposed distribution, location, and extent of the various categories of land use shall be shown on a land use map or map series which shall be supplemented by goals, policies, and measurable objectives.
- 2. The future land use plan and plan amendments shall be based upon surveys, studies, and data regarding the area, as applicable, including:
- a. The amount of land required to accommodate anticipated growth.
- b. The projected permanent and seasonal population of the area.
 - c. The character of undeveloped land.
- d. The availability of water supplies, public facilities, and services.
- e. The need for redevelopment, including the renewal of blighted areas and the elimination of nonconforming uses which

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351 are inconsistent with the character of the community.

- f. The compatibility of uses on lands adjacent to or closely proximate to military installations.
- g. The compatibility of uses on lands adjacent to an airport as defined in s. 330.35 and consistent with s. 333.02.
 - h. The discouragement of urban sprawl.
- i. The need for job creation, capital investment, and economic development that will strengthen and diversify the community's economy.
- j. The need to modify land uses and development patterns within antiquated subdivisions.
- 3. The future land use plan element shall include criteria to be used to:
- a. Achieve the compatibility of lands adjacent or closely proximate to military installations, considering factors identified in s. 163.3175(5).
- b. Achieve the compatibility of lands adjacent to an airport as defined in s. 330.35 and consistent with s. 333.02.
- c. Encourage preservation of recreational and commercial working waterfronts for water-dependent uses in coastal communities.
- d. Encourage the location of schools proximate to urban service residential areas to the extent possible and encourage the location of schools in all areas if necessary to provide adequate school capacity to serve residential development.

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- e. Coordinate future land uses with the topography and soil conditions, and the availability of facilities and services.
- f. Ensure the protection of natural and historic resources.
 - q. Provide for the compatibility of adjacent land uses.
- h. Provide guidelines for the implementation of mixed-use development including the types of uses allowed, the percentage distribution among the mix of uses, or other standards, and the density and intensity of each use.
- 4. The amount of land designated for future planned uses shall provide a balance of uses that foster vibrant, viable communities and economic development opportunities and address outdated development patterns, such as antiquated subdivisions. The amount of land designated for future land uses should allow the operation of real estate markets to provide adequate choices for permanent and seasonal residents and business and may not be limited solely by the projected population. The element shall accommodate at least the minimum amount of land required to accommodate the medium projections as published by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research for at least a 10-year planning period unless otherwise limited under s. 380.05, including related rules of the Administration Commission.
- 5. The future land use plan of a county may designate areas for possible future municipal incorporation.

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- 6. The land use maps or map series shall generally identify and depict historic district boundaries and shall designate historically significant properties meriting protection.
- 7. The future land use element must clearly identify the land use categories in which public schools are an allowable use. When delineating the land use categories in which public schools are an allowable use, a local government shall include in the categories sufficient land proximate to residential development to meet the projected needs for schools in coordination with public school boards and may establish differing criteria for schools of different type or size. Each local government shall include lands contiguous to existing school sites, to the maximum extent possible, within the land use categories in which public schools are an allowable use.
- 8. Future land use map amendments shall be based upon the following analyses:
- a. An analysis of the availability of facilities and services.
- b. An analysis of the suitability of the plan amendment for its proposed use considering the character of the undeveloped land, soils, topography, natural resources, and historic resources on site.
- c. An analysis of the minimum amount of land needed to achieve the goals and requirements of this section.

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9. The future land use element and any amendment to the future land use element shall discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl by planning for future development as provided in this section.

a. The primary indicators that a plan or plan amendment does not discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl are listed below. The evaluation of the presence of these indicators shall consist of an analysis of the plan or plan amendment within the context of features and characteristics unique to each locality in order to determine whether the plan or plan amendment:

(I) Promotes, allows, or designates for development substantial areas of the jurisdiction to develop as low-intensity, low-density, or single-use development or uses.

(II) Promotes, allows, or designates significant amounts of urban development to occur in rural areas at substantial distances from existing urban areas while not using undeveloped lands that are available and suitable for development.

(III) Promotes, allows, or designates urban development in radial, strip, isolated, or ribbon patterns generally emanating from existing urban developments.

(IV) Fails to adequately protect and conserve natural resources, such as wetlands, floodplains, native vegetation, environmentally sensitive areas, natural groundwater aquifer recharge areas, lakes, rivers, shorelines, beaches, bays, estuarine systems, and other significant natural systems.

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451	(V) Fails to adequately protect adjacent agricultural
452	areas and activities, including silviculture, active
453	agricultural and silvicultural activities, passive agricultural
454	activities, and dormant, unique, and prime farmlands and soils.
455	(VI) Fails to maximize use of existing public facilities
456	and services.
457	(VII) Fails to maximize use of future public facilities
458	and services.
459	(VIII) Allows for land use patterns or timing which
460	disproportionately increase the cost in time, money, and energy
461	of providing and maintaining facilities and services, including
462	roads, potable water, sanitary sewer, stormwater management, law
463	enforcement, education, health care, fire and emergency
464	response, and general government.
465	(IX) Fails to provide a clear separation between rural and
466	urban uses.
467	(X) Discourages or inhibits infill development or the
468	redevelopment of existing neighborhoods and communities.
469	(XI) Fails to encourage a functional mix of uses.
470	(XII) Results in poor accessibility among linked or
471	related land uses.
472	(XIII) Results in the loss of significant amounts of
473	functional open space.
474	b. The future land use element or plan amendment shall be
475	determined to discourage the proliferation of urban sprawl if it

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476 incorporates a development pattern or urban form that achieves four or more of the following: 477 478 (I) Directs or locates economic growth and associated land 479 development to geographic areas of the community in a manner 480 that does not have an adverse impact on and protects natural 481 resources and ecosystems. 482 (II) Promotes the efficient and cost-effective provision 483 or extension of public infrastructure and services. 484 (III) Promotes walkable and connected communities and 485 provides for compact development and a mix of uses at densities 486 and intensities that will support a range of housing choices and 487 a multimodal transportation system, including pedestrian, 488 bicycle, and transit, if available. 489 (IV) Promotes conservation of water and energy. 490 (V) Preserves agricultural areas and activities, including 491 silviculture, and dormant, unique, and prime farmlands and 492 soils. 493 (VI) Preserves open space and natural lands and provides 494 for public open space and recreation needs. 495 (VII) Creates a balance of land uses based upon demands of 496 the residential population for the nonresidential needs of an 497 arca. (VIII) Provides uses, densities, and intensities of use 498 499 and urban form that would remediate an existing or planned 500 development pattern in the vicinity that constitutes sprawl or

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501	if it provides for an innovative development pattern such as
502	transit-oriented developments or new towns as defined in s.
503	163.3164.
504	10. The future land use element shall include a future
505	land use map or map series.
506	a. The proposed distribution, extent, and location of the
507	following uses shall be shown on the future land use map or map
508	series:
509	(I) Residential.
510	(II) Commercial.
511	(III) Industrial.
512	(IV) Agricultural.
513	(V) Recreational.
514	(VI) Conservation.
515	(VII) Educational.
516	(VIII) Public.
517	b. The following areas shall also be shown on the future
518	land use map or map series, if applicable:
519	(I) Historic district boundaries and designated
520	historically significant properties.
521	(II) Transportation concurrency management area boundaries
522	or transportation concurrency exception area boundaries.
523	(III) Multimodal transportation district boundaries.
524	(IV) Mixed-use categories.
525	c. The following natural resources or conditions shall be

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shown on the future land use map or map series, if applicable:

- (I) Existing and planned public potable waterwells, cones of influence, and wellhead protection areas.
 - (II) Beaches and shores, including estuarine systems.
 - (III) Rivers, bays, lakes, floodplains, and harbors.
 - (IV) Wetlands.
 - (V) Minerals and soils.
 - (VI) Coastal high hazard areas.

Section 4. Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.3191 Evaluation and appraisal of comprehensive plan.-

(1) At least once every 7 years, each local government must shall evaluate its comprehensive plan to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect a minimum planning period of at least 10 years as provided in s. 163.3177(5), or to reflect changes in state requirements in this part since the last update of the comprehensive plan, and notify the state land planning agency as to its determination. The notification shall include a separate affidavit, signed by the chair of the governing body of the county and the mayor of the municipality, attesting that all elements of its comprehensive plan comply with this paragraph. The affidavit must also include a certification that the adopted comprehensive plan contains the minimum planning period of 10 years as provided in s. 163.3177(5) and must cite the source and date of the population projections utilized in establishing the

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10-year planning period.

- (2) If the local government determines amendments to its comprehensive plan are necessary to reflect changes in state requirements, the local government shall prepare and transmit within 1 year such plan amendment or amendments for review pursuant to s. 163.3184.
- comprehensively evaluate and, as necessary, update comprehensive plans to reflect changes in local conditions. Plan amendments transmitted pursuant to this section shall be reviewed pursuant to s. 163.3184(4). Updates to the required elements of the comprehensive plan must be processed in the same plan amendment cycle. Optional elements of the comprehensive plan may not be updated until the required elements have been updated unless otherwise required by general law.
- and affidavit prescribed by subsection (1) or update its plan pursuant to this subsection within 1 year from the date the letter was transmitted to the state land planning agency (2), it may not initiate or adopt any publicly initiated plan amendments to amend its comprehensive plan until such time as it complies with this section, unless otherwise required by general law. This prohibition on plan amendments does not apply to privately initiated plan amendments. The failure of the local government to update its plan in a timely manner shall not be the basis for

the denial of a privately initiated comprehensive plan amendment.

- (5) If it is determined that a local government has failed to update its comprehensive plan pursuant to this section, the state land planning agency shall provide the required population projections, that must be utilized by the local government to update the comprehensive plan. The local government shall initiate an update to its comprehensive plan within 3 months following the receipt of the population projections and must complete the update within 12 months. During the update process, the local government may provide alternative population projections based on professionally accepted methodologies, but only if those population projections exceed the population projections provided by the state land planning agency and only if the update is completed in the time-period set forth in this subsection.
- (6) (5) The state land planning agency may not adopt rules to implement this section, other than procedural rules or a schedule indicating when local governments must comply with the requirements of this section.
- Section 5. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 163.3202, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 163.3202 Land development regulations.
- (2) Local land development regulations <u>must</u> shall contain specific and detailed provisions necessary or desirable to

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implement the adopted comprehensive plan and shall at a minimum:

- (a) Regulate the subdivision of land.
- (b) Establish minimum lot sizes within single-family, two-family and fee-simple, single-family townhome zoning districts to accommodate the maximum density authorized in the comprehensive plan, net of the land area required to be set aside for subdivision roads, sidewalks, stormwater ponds, open space, landscape buffers and any other mandatory land development regulations that require land to be set aside that could otherwise be utilized for the development of single-family homes, two-family homes and fee-simple, single-family townhomes.
- (c) Establish infill development standards for single-family homes, two-family homes, and fee-simple townhome dwelling units to allow for the administrative approval of development of infill single-family homes, two-family homes, and fee-simple, single-family townhomes.
- (d) (b) Regulate the use of land and water for those land use categories included in the land use element and ensure the compatibility of adjacent uses and provide for open space.
 - (e)(c) Provide for protection of potable water wellfields.
- $\underline{\text{(f)}}$ Regulate areas subject to seasonal and periodic flooding and provide for drainage and stormwater management.
- $\underline{\text{(g)}}$ Ensure the protection of environmentally sensitive lands designated in the comprehensive plan.
 - (h) (f) Regulate signage.

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- (i)(g) Provide that public facilities and services meet or exceed the standards established in the capital improvements element required by s. 163.3177 and are available when needed for the development, or that development orders and permits are conditioned on the availability of these public facilities and services necessary to serve the proposed development. A local government may not issue a development order or permit that results in a reduction in the level of services for the affected public facilities below the adopted level of services provided in the local government's comprehensive plan. Levels of service established in a comprehensive plan solely for planning purposes may not be used as a basis for the denial of a development order or permit.
- (j)(h) Ensure safe and convenient onsite traffic flow, considering needed vehicle parking.
- (k)(i) Maintain the existing density of residential properties or recreational vehicle parks if the properties are intended for residential use and are located in the unincorporated areas that have sufficient infrastructure, as determined by a local governing authority, and are not located within a coastal high-hazard area under s. 163.3178.
- $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ Incorporate preexisting development orders identified pursuant to s. 163.3167(3).
- (5)(a) Land development regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to a single-family or two-

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651 family dwelling unless:

- 1. The dwelling is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as defined in s. 267.021(5); is located in a National Register Historic District; or is designated as a historic property or located in a historic district, under the terms of a local preservation ordinance;
- 2. The regulations are adopted in order to implement the National Flood Insurance Program;
- 3. The regulations are adopted pursuant to and in compliance with chapter 553;
- 4. The dwelling is located in a community redevelopment area, as defined in s. 163.340(10);
- 5. The regulations are required to ensure protection of coastal wildlife in compliance with s. 161.052, s. 161.053, s. 161.0531, s. 161.085, s. 161.163, or chapter 373; or
- 6. The dwelling is located in a planned unit development or master planned community created pursuant to a local ordinance, resolution, or other final action approved by the local governing body; or
- <u>6.7.</u> The dwelling is located within the jurisdiction of a local government that has a design review board or architectural review board <u>created before January 1, 2020</u>.
 - (b) For purposes of this subsection, the term:
- 1. "Building design elements" means the external building color; the type or style of exterior cladding material; the

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style or material of roof structures or porches; the exterior nonstructural architectural ornamentation; the location or architectural styling of windows or doors; the location or orientation of the garage; the number and type of rooms; and the interior layout of rooms. The term does not include the height, bulk, orientation, or location of a dwelling on a zoning lot; or the use of buffering or screening to minimize potential adverse physical or visual impacts or to protect the privacy of neighbors.

- 2. "Planned unit development" or "master planned community" means an area of land that is planned and developed as a single entity or in approved stages with uses and structures substantially related to the character of the entire development, or a self-contained development in which the subdivision and zoning controls are applied to the project as a whole rather than to individual lots.
- (c) This subsection does not affect the validity or enforceability of private covenants or other contractual agreements relating to building design elements.
- Section 6. Paragraph (g) of subsection (5) of section 163.3246, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 163.3246 Local government comprehensive planning certification program.—
- (5) If the local government meets the eligibility criteria of subsection (2), the state land planning agency shall certify

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all or part of a local government by written agreement, which shall be considered final agency action subject to challenge under s. 120.569. The agreement must include the following components:

- (g) Criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of the certification process in achieving the community-development goals for the certification area including:
- 1. Measuring the compactness of growth, expressed as the ratio between population growth and land consumed;
- 2. Increasing residential density and <u>intensity</u> intensities of use;
- 3. Measuring and reducing vehicle miles traveled and increasing the interconnectedness of the street system, pedestrian access, and mass transit;
- 4. Measuring the balance between the location of jobs and housing;
- 5. Improving the housing mix within the certification area, including the provision of mixed-use neighborhoods, affordable housing, and the creation of an affordable housing program if such a program is not already in place;
- 6. Promoting mixed-use developments as an alternative to single-purpose centers;
- 7. Promoting clustered development having dedicated open space;
 - 8. Linking commercial, educational, and recreational uses

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726 directly to residential growth;

- 9. Reducing per capita water and energy consumption;
- 10. Prioritizing environmental features to be protected and adopting measures or programs to protect identified features;
 - 11. Reducing hurricane shelter deficits and evacuation times and implementing the adopted mitigation strategies; and
 - 12. Improving coordination between the local government and school board.
 - Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 189.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 189.08 Special district public facilities report.-
 - (2) Each independent special district shall submit to each local general-purpose government in which it is located a public facilities report and an annual notice of any changes. The public facilities report shall specify the following information:
 - (a) A description of existing public facilities owned or operated by the special district, and each public facility that is operated by another entity, except a local general-purpose government, through a lease or other agreement with the special district. This description shall include the current capacity of the facility, the current demands placed upon it, and its location. This information shall be required in the initial report and updated every 7 years at least 12 months before the

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submission date of the evaluation and appraisal notification letter of the appropriate local government required by s. 163.3191. The department shall post a schedule on its website, based on the evaluation and appraisal notification schedule prepared pursuant to $\underline{s. 163.3191(6)} \ \underline{s. 163.3191(5)}$, for use by a special district to determine when its public facilities report and updates to that report are due to the local general-purpose governments in which the special district is located.

Section 8. Subsection (29) of section 479.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(29) "Zoning category" means the designation under the land development regulations or other similar ordinance enacted to regulate the use of land as provided in $\underline{s.\ 163.3202(2)}$ $\underline{s.}$ $\underline{163.3202(2)}$ (b), which designation sets forth the allowable uses, restrictions, and limitations on use applicable to properties within the category.

Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.