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S. 3228

To require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study of coastal areas in the South Atlantic Division of the Corps of Engineers to identify risks and vulnerabilities of those areas as a result of sea level rise, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. SCOTT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assessing Coastal
5 Areas to Assist States Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF COASTAL AREAS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall
3 conduct a study of the coastal areas located within the
4 geographic boundaries of the South Atlantic Division of
5 the Corps of Engineers to identify the risks and
6 vulnerabilities of those areas to increased hurricane and
7 storm damages as a result of sea level rise.

8 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the study
9 under this section, the Secretary of the Army shall—

10 (1) conduct such analyses as the Secretary de-
11 termines necessary, with special emphasis on re-
12 gional sediment management as a method to
13 sustainably maintain or enhance current levels of
14 storm protection—

15 (A) to produce a comprehensive and con-
16 sistent understanding of coastal vulnerabilities
17 in the affected areas; and

18 (B) to identify initial measures that can be
19 taken to address the vulnerabilities described in
20 subparagraph (A); and

21 (2) develop a long-term strategy for—

22 (A) addressing increased hurricane and
23 storm damages that result from sea level rise;
24 and

1 (B) identifying opportunities to enhance
2 resiliency, increase sustainability, and lower
3 risks in—

4 (i) population centers;

5 (ii) areas of concentrated economic
6 development; and

7 (iii) areas with vulnerable environ-
8 mental resources.

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