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Title: Enhance the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative Florida reefs and ecosystems curriculum, including educating educators on available resources, and mandate that it be taught once in elementary school, once in middle school and once in high school (every school year) to provide science-based foundation for making future decisions to protect coral reefs.

Objective: The intended outcome of this action plan is to increase the awareness and knowledge base of coral reefs, specifically in the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative region, to enhance health of Florida coral reefs through an enhanced marine ecosystems curriculum in Florida schools.

Background: This recommended management action is being put forth due to the lack of uniformity in education standards related directly to Florida coral reefs as well as a lack of a connection between the required educational standards and the unique local ecology of southeast Florida.

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