

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to emergency reporting; creating s.  
 3           252.351, F.S.; defining the term "office"; requiring  
 4           the Division of Emergency Management to create a list  
 5           of reportable incidents; requiring a political  
 6           subdivision to report incidents contained on the list  
 7           to the State Watch Office; authorizing the Division of  
 8           Emergency Management to establish guidelines a  
 9           political subdivision must follow to report an  
 10          incident; requiring the Division of Emergency  
 11          Management to annually provide the list of reportable  
 12          incidents to each political subdivision; providing an  
 13          effective date.

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

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 17           Section 1.   Section 252.351, Florida Statutes, is created  
 18 to read:

19           252.351 Mandatory reporting of certain incidents by  
 20 political subdivisions.-

21           (1) For purposes of this section, the term "office" means  
 22 the State Watch Office established within the division pursuant  
 23 to s. 14.2016.

24           (2) The division shall create and maintain a list of  
 25 reportable incidents. The list shall include, but is not limited

26 | to, the following events:

27 |       (a) Major fires, including wildfires, commercial or multi-  
 28 | unit residential fires, and industrial fires.

29 |       (b) Search and rescue operations, including structure  
 30 | collapse or urban search and rescue response.

31 |       (c) Bomb threat or threat to inflict harm on a large  
 32 | number of people or significant infrastructure, a suspicious  
 33 | device or device detonation.

34 |       (d) Natural hazards and severe weather, including  
 35 | earthquake, landslide, or ground subsidence or sinkholes.

36 |       (e) Public health and population protective actions,  
 37 | including public health hazards, evacuation orders, or emergency  
 38 | shelter openings.

39 |       (f) Animal or agricultural events, including suspected or  
 40 | confirmed animal disease, suspected or confirmed agricultural  
 41 | disease, crop failure, or food supply contamination.

42 |       (g) Environmental concerns, including an incident of  
 43 | reportable pollution release as required in s. 403.077(2).

44 |       (h) Nuclear power plant events, including events in  
 45 | process or that have occurred which indicate a potential  
 46 | degradation of the level of safety of the plant or which  
 47 | indicate a security threat to facility protection.

48 |       (i) Major transportation events, including aircraft or  
 49 | airport incidents, passenger or commercial railroad incidents,  
 50 | major road or bridge closures, or marine incident involving a

51 blocked navigable channel of a major waterway.

52 (j) Major utility or infrastructure events, including dam  
53 failure or overtopping, drinking water facility breach, or major  
54 utility outages or disruptions involving transmission lines or  
55 substations.

56 (k) Military events, when information regarding such  
57 activity is provided to a political subdivision.

58 (3) As soon as practicable following its initial response  
59 to an incident, a political subdivision shall provide  
60 notification to the office that an incident specified on the  
61 list of reportable incidents has occurred within its  
62 geographical boundaries. The division may establish guidelines  
63 specifying the method and format a political subdivision must  
64 use when reporting an incident.

65 (4) Beginning December 1, 2020, and by December 1 every  
66 year thereafter, the division must provide the list of  
67 reportable incidents to each political subdivision.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.