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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to qualifications of the director of
3 the Division of Emergency Management; amending s.
4 14.2016, F.S.; requiring the director of the Division
5 of Emergency Management to meet specified
6 qualifications; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 14.2016, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 14.2016 Division of Emergency Management.—

13 (1) The Division of Emergency Management is established
14 within the Executive Office of the Governor. The division shall
15 be a separate budget entity, as provided in the General
16 Appropriations Act and shall prepare and submit a budget request
17 in accordance with chapter 216. The division shall be
18 responsible for all professional, technical, and administrative
19 support functions necessary to carry out its responsibilities
20 under part I of chapter 252. The director of the division shall
21 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and
22 shall be the head of the division for all purposes. The director
23 must meet the minimum training and education qualifications
24 established by division rule. The division shall administer
25 programs to rapidly apply all available aid to communities
26 stricken by an emergency as defined in s. 252.34 and, for this
27 purpose, shall provide liaison with federal agencies and other
28 public and private agencies.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.