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The Committee on Appropriations (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 422 - 943

and insert:

252.38(1)(b). Such training may be provided by the division or, for county personnel, by a foundation that is a not-for-profit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has a governing board that includes in its membership county commissioners and professional county staff. If training is provided by a foundation, such training must be approved by the



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11 division.

12 (s) Complete an inventory of disaster response equipment,
13 including portable generators owned by the state and local
14 governments which are capable of operating during a major
15 disaster. The inventory must identify, at a minimum, the
16 location of each generator, the number of generators stored at
17 each specific location, the agency to which each generator
18 belongs, the primary use of the generator by the owner agency,
19 and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons
20 having the authority to loan the stored generators as authorized
21 by the division during a declared emergency.

22 ~~(x) Report biennially to the President of the Senate, the~~
23 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of~~
24 ~~the Supreme Court, and the Governor, no later than February 1 of~~
25 ~~every odd-numbered year, the status of the emergency management~~
26 ~~capabilities of the state and its political subdivisions. This~~
27 ~~report must include the emergency management capabilities~~
28 ~~related to public health emergencies, as determined in~~
29 ~~collaboration with the Department of Health.~~

30 (dd) Conduct, by April 1 of each year, an annual hurricane
31 readiness session in each region designated by the division to
32 facilitate coordination between all emergency management
33 stakeholders. Each county emergency management director or his
34 or her designee shall, and other county and municipal personnel
35 may, attend the session for his or her region. A session must
36 include, but is not limited to, guidance on timelines for
37 preparation and response, information on state and federal
38 postdisaster resources and assistance, guidance to promote
39 efficient and expedited rebuilding of the community after a



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40 hurricane, best practices for coordination and communication
41 among entities engaged in postdisaster response and recovery,
42 and discussion of any outstanding county or municipal
43 preparedness or readiness needs.

44 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
45 252.355, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

46 252.355 Registry of persons with special needs; notice;
47 registration program.—

48 (2) In order to ensure that all persons with special needs
49 may register, the division shall develop and maintain a special
50 needs shelter registration program. During a public health
51 emergency in which physical distancing is necessary, as
52 determined by the State Health Officer, the division must
53 maintain information on special needs shelter options that
54 mitigate the threat of the spread of infectious diseases.

55 (b) To assist in identifying persons with special needs,
56 home health agencies, hospices, nurse registries, home medical
57 equipment providers, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the
58 Department of Children and Families, the Department of Health,
59 the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of
60 Education, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, the
61 Department of Elderly Affairs, and memory disorder clinics
62 shall, and any physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
63 459 and any pharmacy licensed under chapter 465 may, annually
64 provide registration information to all of their special needs
65 clients or their caregivers. The division shall develop a
66 brochure that provides information regarding special needs
67 shelter registration procedures. The brochure must be easily
68 accessible on the division's website. All appropriate agencies



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69 and community-based service providers, including aging and
70 disability resource centers, memory disorder clinics, home
71 health care providers, hospices, nurse registries, and home
72 medical equipment providers, shall, and any physician licensed
73 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 may, assist emergency
74 management agencies by annually registering persons with special
75 needs for special needs shelters, collecting registration
76 information for persons with special needs as part of the
77 program intake process, and establishing programs to educate
78 clients about the registration process and disaster preparedness
79 safety procedures. A client of a state-funded or federally
80 funded service program who has a physical, mental, or cognitive
81 impairment or sensory disability and who needs assistance in
82 evacuating, or when in a shelter, must register as a person with
83 special needs. The registration program shall give persons with
84 special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response
85 personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue
86 operations if necessary to ensure their safety and welfare
87 following disasters.

88 Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
89 252.3611, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is
90 added to that section, to read:

91 252.3611 Transparency; audits.—

92 (2) If ~~When~~ the duration of a declaration of a state of an
93 emergency issued by the Governor exceeds 90 days, regardless of
94 whether pursuant to the original declaration or extensions of
95 the same declaration:

96 (a) 1. The Executive Office of the Governor or the
97 appropriate agency, within 72 hours after ~~of~~ executing a



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98 contract executed with moneys authorized for expenditure to
99 support the response to the declared state of emergency, must
100 ~~the Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate agency~~
101 ~~shall~~ submit a copy of such contract to the Legislature. For
102 contracts executed during the first 90 days of the declared
103 state of emergency, the Executive Office of the Governor or the
104 appropriate agency shall submit a copy to the Legislature within
105 the first 120 days of the declared state of emergency.

106 2. All contracts executed to support the response to a
107 declared state of emergency, including contracts executed before
108 a declared state of emergency to secure resources or services in
109 advance or anticipation of an emergency, must be posted on the
110 secure contract tracking system required under s. 215.985(14).

111 (b) The Executive Office of the Governor or the appropriate
112 agency shall submit monthly reports to the Legislature of all
113 state expenditures, revenues received, and funds transferred by
114 an agency during the previous month to support the declared
115 state of emergency.

116 (3) Once an emergency exceeds 1 year, the Auditor General
117 shall conduct a financial audit of all associated expenditures
118 and a compliance audit of all associated contracts entered into
119 during the declared emergency. The Auditor General shall ~~must~~
120 update the audit annually until the emergency is declared to be
121 ended. The Auditor General shall post the results of the audits
122 on his or her official website.

123 (4) Following the expiration or termination of a state of
124 emergency, the Auditor General shall conduct a financial audit
125 of all associated expenditures and a compliance audit of all
126 associated contracts entered into during the state of emergency.



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127 The Auditor General shall post the results of the audits on his
128 or her official website.

129 (5) Annually by January 15, the division shall report to
130 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
131 Representatives, and the chairs of the appropriations committee
132 of each house of the Legislature on expenditures related to
133 emergencies incurred over the year from November 1 of the
134 previous year. The report must include:

135 (a) A separate summary of each emergency event, whether
136 complete or ongoing, and key actions taken by the division.

137 (b) Details of expenditures, separated by emergency event
138 and agency, for preparing for, responding to, or recovering from
139 the event. The report must specify detailed expenditures for the
140 entire report time period; specify total expenditures for the
141 event; and indicate amounts that are being or are anticipated to
142 be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or
143 other federal entity, amounts ineligible for reimbursement, and
144 any amounts deobligated by the Federal Emergency Management
145 Agency or other federal entity for reimbursement. The division
146 shall review expenditures by state agencies to ensure that
147 efforts, purchases, contracts, or expenditures are not
148 duplicated.

149 (c) An accounting of all inventory and assets purchased,
150 separated by emergency event and agency, for preparing for,
151 responding to, or recovering from the event, including motor
152 vehicles, boats, computers, and other equipment, and the current
153 status of such assets, including divestment, sale, or donation
154 by the state. The report must include a detailed accounting for
155 the entire report time period and specify a total for the event.



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156 Section 8. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 252.365,
157 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

158 252.365 Emergency coordination officers; disaster-
159 preparedness plans.—

160 (2) The emergency coordination officer is responsible for
161 ~~coordinating with the division on emergency preparedness issues,~~
162 preparing and maintaining emergency preparedness and
163 postdisaster response and recovery plans for such agency,
164 maintaining rosters of personnel to assist in disaster
165 operations, ~~and~~ coordinating appropriate training for agency
166 personnel, and coordinating with the division on emergency
167 preparedness and recovery issues, including identifying
168 priorities for postdisaster long-term recovery activities.

169 (4) On or before May 1 of each year, the head of each
170 agency shall notify the Governor and the division in writing of
171 the person initially designated as the emergency coordination
172 officer for such agency and her or his alternate and of any
173 changes in persons so designated thereafter.

174 Section 9. Section 252.3655, Florida Statutes, is amended
175 to read:

176 252.3655 Natural hazards risks and mitigation interagency
177 coordinating group ~~workgroup~~.—

178 (1) (a) An interagency coordinating group ~~workgroup~~ is
179 created for the purpose of sharing information on the current
180 and potential risks and impacts of natural hazards throughout
181 this ~~the~~ state, coordinating the ongoing efforts of state
182 agencies in addressing and mitigating the risks and impacts of
183 natural hazards, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to
184 address and mitigate the risks and impacts of natural hazards.



185 As used in this section, the term "natural hazards" includes,
186 but is not limited to, extreme heat, drought, wildfire, sea-
187 level change, high tides, storm surge, saltwater intrusion,
188 stormwater runoff, flash floods, inland flooding, and coastal
189 flooding.

190 (b) The agency head, or his or her designated senior
191 manager, from each of the following agencies shall serve on the
192 coordinating group:

193 1. Chief Resilience Officer of the Statewide Office of
194 Resilience.

195 2. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

196 3. Department of Commerce.

197 4. Department of Environmental Protection.

198 5. Department of Financial Services.

199 6. Department of Law Enforcement.

200 7. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

201 8. Department of Military Affairs.

202 9. Division of Emergency Management.

203 10. Department of Transportation.

204 11. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

205 12. Office of Insurance Regulation.

206 13. Public Service Commission.

207 14. Each water management district ~~Each agency within the~~
208 ~~executive branch of state government, each water management~~
209 ~~district, and the Florida Public Service Commission shall select~~
210 ~~from within such agency a person to be designated as the agency~~
211 ~~liaison to the workgroup.~~

212 (c) The director of the Division of Emergency Management,
213 or his or her designee, shall serve as the administrator liaison



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214 ~~to and coordinator~~ of the coordinating group ~~workgroup~~.

215 (d) Each agency representative ~~liaison~~ shall provide
216 information from his or her respective agency, including all
217 relevant reports, on the current and potential risks and impacts
218 of natural hazards to this state ~~to his or her agency~~, agency
219 resources available, and efforts made by the agency to address
220 and mitigate the risks and impacts of ~~against~~ natural hazards,
221 ~~and efforts made by the agency to address the impacts of natural~~
222 ~~hazards~~.

223 (e) 1. The coordinating group ~~workgroup~~ shall meet in person
224 or by means of communications media technology as provided in s.
225 120.54(5)(b)2. at least teleconference ~~on a quarterly basis~~ to
226 share information, leverage agency resources, coordinate ongoing
227 efforts, and provide information for inclusion in the annual
228 progress report submitted pursuant to subsection (2). Agency
229 heads for the agencies listed in paragraph (b) shall meet in
230 person at least annually to collectively strategize and
231 prioritize state efforts.

232 2. Information regarding the coordinating group, including
233 meeting agendas and reports, must be posted in a conspicuous
234 location on the division's website.

235 (2) (a) On behalf of the coordinating group ~~workgroup~~, the
236 division ~~of Emergency Management~~ shall prepare an annual
237 progress report on the implementation of the state's hazard
238 mitigation plan, developed and submitted in accordance with 42
239 U.S.C. s. 5165 and any implementing regulations, as it relates
240 to natural hazards. At a minimum, the annual progress report
241 must:

242 1. Assess each agency's ~~the relevance, level, and~~



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243 ~~significance of current agency~~ efforts to address and mitigate
244 the risks and impacts of natural hazards; ~~and~~

245 2. Strategize and prioritize ongoing efforts to address and
246 mitigate the risks and impacts of natural hazards; ~~;~~

247 3. Provide recommendations regarding statutory changes and
248 funding that may assist in addressing or mitigating the risks
249 and impacts of natural hazards; and

250 4. Provide recommendations for state and local natural
251 hazard mitigation strategies.

252 (b) ~~Each liaison is responsible for ensuring that the~~
253 ~~workgroup's annual progress report is posted on his or her~~
254 ~~agency's website.~~

255 (c) By January 1 of each year, ~~2019, and each year~~
256 ~~thereafter~~, the division on behalf of the coordinating group
257 ~~workgroup~~ shall submit the annual progress report to the
258 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
259 House of Representatives.

260 Section 10. Present paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection
261 (5) of section 252.37, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
262 paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, a new paragraph (c) is
263 added to that subsection, and subsection (7) is added to that
264 section, to read:

265 252.37 Financing.—

266 (5) Unless otherwise specified in the General
267 Appropriations Act:

268 (c) If the division intends to accept or apply for federal
269 funds for a division-administered program that is new, that will
270 be implemented in a manner that is innovative or significantly
271 different from the manner in which the program is typically



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272 administered, or that will require a state match for which the
273 division will be required to seek new budget authority, the
274 division must notify the Legislature of its intent to accept or
275 apply for the federal funds. The notice must detail the federal
276 program under which the funds will be accepted or applied for,
277 the intended purpose and use of the funds, and the amount of
278 funds, including the estimated state match.

279 (7) The division shall take steps to maximize the
280 availability and expedite the distribution of financial
281 assistance from the Federal Government to state and local
282 agencies. Such steps must include the standardization and
283 streamlining of the application process for financial assistance
284 through the federal Public Assistance Program and provision of
285 assistance to applicants in order to mitigate the risk of
286 noncompliance with federal program requirements. The division
287 shall use federal funds allocated as management cost or other
288 funds as appropriated to implement this subsection.

289 Section 11. Section 252.3713, Florida Statutes, is created
290 to read:

291 252.3713 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.—

292 (1) The division shall administer the Hazard Mitigation
293 Grant Program as authorized and described in s. 404 of the
294 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,
295 as amended by Pub. L. No. 103-181, Pub. L. No. 103-337, and Pub.
296 L. No. 106-390.

297 (2) The division may retain no more than 25 percent of the
298 total federal allocation of funds received for use within the
299 state. A minimum of 75 percent of any funds received pursuant to
300 a declared disaster must be distributed for use by the



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301 subrecipients in the counties specified in the Presidential
302 Disaster Declaration for that disaster. However, a subrecipient
303 may elect to share some or all of its allocation with the
304 division to be used for projects benefiting the region in which
305 the subrecipient is located.

306 (3) The division and subrecipients shall prioritize
307 projects that fulfill the following purposes when adopting
308 mitigation strategies and plans and applying for funds under the
309 grant program:

310 (a) Reducing shelter space deficits through retrofitting of
311 existing shelters and hardening of public buildings that are not
312 schools. Reducing deficits in shelter space intended to
313 accommodate individuals with special needs must be prioritized
314 before addressing deficits in other types of shelter space.

315 (b) Mitigating impacts to public infrastructure, including
316 roads, bridges, and stormwater, water, and sewer systems, to
317 enhance resistance to natural hazards and prevent and reduce
318 losses.

319 (c) Mitigating impacts to school facilities which will
320 reduce future disaster losses and make the facilities more
321 resistant to natural hazards.

322 (d) Retrofitting of regional and local emergency management
323 or operations centers.

324 (e) Other projects that the division may define by rule.

325 (4) The division may coordinate with other state agencies
326 and political subdivisions to develop and implement innovative
327 approaches to funding mitigation projects using grants under the
328 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, including, but not limited to,
329 combining funding received from multiple federal and state



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330 programs. The division, in cooperation with other state agencies
331 that administer federal grant programs, shall ensure that:

332 (a) Projects funded through multiple programs comply with
333 all applicable federal and state requirements of the respective
334 programs under which funding was received.

335 (b) Funding is used for projects in the geographic areas
336 specified in the grant of funding.

337 (5) A fiscally constrained county may request that the
338 division administer the grant for such county. A fiscally
339 constrained county may request additional assistance from the
340 division in preparing applications for grants and developing a
341 structure for implementing, monitoring the execution of, and
342 closing out projects.

343 (6) Each year by August 1, the division shall submit a
344 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
345 House of Representatives specifying the amount of funding
346 received under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the
347 previous fiscal year; projects funded by county; and the extent
348 to which the priorities provided in this section were achieved.

349 (7) The division shall adopt rules to implement this
350 section.

351 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
352 252.373, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

353 252.373 Allocation of funds; rules.—

354 (2) The division shall allocate funds from the Emergency
355 Management, Preparedness, and Assistance Trust Fund to local
356 emergency management agencies and programs pursuant to criteria
357 specified in rule. Such rules shall include, but are not limited
358 to:



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- 359 (a) Requiring that, at a minimum, a local emergency
360 management agency either:
- 361 1. Have a program director who works at least 40 hours a
362 week in that capacity; or
 - 363 2. If the county has fewer than 75,000 population or is
364 party to an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement
365 entered into pursuant to s. 252.38(3)(c) ~~s. 252.38(3)(b)~~, that
366 is recognized by the Governor by executive order or rule, have
367 an emergency management coordinator who works at least 20 hours
368 a week in that capacity.

369 Section 13. Present paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection
370 (3) of section 252.38, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
371 paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively, a new paragraph (a) is
372 added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of subsection (1) is
373 amended, to read:

374 252.38 Emergency management powers of political
375 subdivisions.—Safeguarding the life and property of its citizens
376 is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each
377 political subdivision of the state.

378 (1) COUNTIES.—

379 (a) In order to provide effective and orderly governmental
380 control and coordination of emergency operations in emergencies
381 within the scope of ss. 252.31-252.90, each county within this
382 state shall be within the jurisdiction of, and served by, the
383 division. Except as otherwise provided in ss. 252.31-252.90,
384 each local emergency management agency shall have jurisdiction
385 over and serve an entire county. Unless part of an
386 interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered into
387 pursuant to paragraph (3)(c) ~~(3)(b)~~ which is recognized by the



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388 Governor by executive order or rule, each county must establish
389 and maintain such an emergency management agency and shall
390 develop a county emergency management plan and program that is
391 coordinated and consistent with the state comprehensive
392 emergency management plan and program. Counties that are part of
393 an interjurisdictional emergency management agreement entered
394 into pursuant to paragraph (3) (c) ~~(3) (b)~~ which is recognized by
395 the Governor by executive order or rule shall cooperatively
396 develop an emergency management plan and program that is
397 coordinated and consistent with the state comprehensive
398 emergency management plan and program.

399 (3) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS; POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

400 (a) Each political subdivision shall notify the division on
401 or before May 1 each year of the person designated as the
402 emergency contact for the political subdivision and his or her
403 alternate and of any changes in persons so designated
404 thereafter. For a county, this includes the county emergency
405 management director.

406 Section 14. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 252.385,
407 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

408 252.385 Public shelter space; public records exemption.—

409 ~~(2)(a)~~ The division shall administer a program to survey
410 existing schools, universities, community colleges, and other
411 state-owned, municipally owned, and county-owned public
412 buildings and any private facility that the owner, in writing,
413 agrees to provide for use as a public hurricane evacuation
414 shelter to identify those that are appropriately designed and
415 located to serve as such shelters. The owners of the facilities
416 must be given the opportunity to participate in the surveys. The



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417 state university boards of trustees, district school boards,
418 community college boards of trustees, and the Department of
419 Education are responsible for coordinating and implementing the
420 survey of public schools, universities, and community colleges
421 with the division or the local emergency management agency.

422 ~~(b) By January 31 of each even-numbered year, the division~~
423 ~~shall prepare and submit a statewide emergency shelter plan to~~
424 ~~the Governor and Cabinet for approval, subject to the~~
425 ~~requirements for approval in s. 1013.37(2). The emergency~~
426 ~~shelter plan must project, for each of the next 5 years, the~~
427 ~~hurricane shelter needs of the state, including periods of time~~
428 ~~during which a concurrent public health emergency may~~
429 ~~necessitate more space for each individual to accommodate~~
430 ~~physical distancing. In addition to information on the general~~
431 ~~shelter needs throughout this state, the plan must identify the~~
432 ~~general location and square footage of special needs shelters,~~
433 ~~by regional planning council region. The plan must also include~~
434 ~~information on the availability of shelters that accept pets.~~
435 ~~The Department of Health shall assist the division in~~
436 ~~determining the estimated need for special needs shelter space~~
437 ~~and the adequacy of facilities to meet the needs of persons with~~
438 ~~special needs based on information from the registries of~~
439 ~~persons with special needs and other information.~~

440 (3) (a) The division shall annually provide by October 15 to
441 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
442 the House of Representatives a report that includes, ~~and the~~
443 ~~Governor~~ a list of facilities recommended to be retrofitted
444 using state funds. State funds should be maximized and targeted
445 to projects in counties ~~regional planning council regions~~ with



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446 hurricane evacuation shelter deficits. Additionally, the
447 division shall prioritize on the list of recommended facilities
448 other state-owned, municipal-owned, and county-owned public
449 buildings, other than schools, for retrofit using state funds.

450 The owner or lessee of a public hurricane evacuation shelter
451 that is included on the list of facilities recommended for
452 retrofitting is not required to perform any recommended
453 improvements.

454 (b) The report required in paragraph (a) must include a
455 statewide emergency shelter plan that must project, for each of
456 the next 5 years, the hurricane shelter needs of the state. In
457 addition to information on the general shelter needs throughout
458 this state, the plan must identify, by county, the general
459 location and square footage of special needs shelters. The plan
460 must also include information on the availability of shelters
461 that accept pets. The Department of Health and the Agency for
462 Persons with Disabilities shall assist the division in
463 determining the estimated need for special needs shelter space,
464 the estimated need for general shelter space to accommodate
465 persons with developmental disabilities, including, but not
466 limited to, autism, and the adequacy of facilities to meet the
467 needs of persons with special needs based on information from
468 the registries of persons with special needs and other
469 information.

470 Section 15. Section 252.392, Florida Statutes, is created
471 to read:

472 252.392 Post-storm county and municipal permitting;
473 operations.-

474 (1) (a) Each county and municipality shall develop a post-



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475 storm permitting plan to expedite recovery and rebuilding by
476 providing for special building permit and inspection procedures
477 after a hurricane or tropical storm. The plan must, at a
478 minimum:

479 1. Ensure sufficient personnel are prepared and available
480 to expeditiously manage post-disaster building inspection,
481 permitting, and enforcement tasks. The plan must anticipate
482 conditions that would necessitate supplemental personnel for
483 such tasks and address methods for fulfilling such personnel
484 needs, including through mutual aid agreements as authorized in
485 s. 252.40, other arrangements, such as those with private sector
486 contractors, or supplemental state or federal funding. The plan
487 must include training requirements and protocols for
488 supplemental personnel to ensure compliance with local
489 floodplain management requirements that apply within the county
490 or municipality.

491 2. Account for multiple or alternate locations where
492 building permit services may be offered in-person to the public
493 following a hurricane or tropical storm, during regular business
494 hours.

495 3. Specify a protocol to expedite permitting procedures
496 and, if practicable, for the waiver or reduction of applicable
497 fees in accordance with and in addition to the procedures and
498 waivers provided for under s. 553.7922. The plan must identify
499 the types of permits that are frequently requested following a
500 hurricane or tropical storm and methods to expedite the
501 processing of such permits.

502 4. Specify procedures and resources necessary to promote
503 expeditious debris removal following a hurricane or tropical



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504 storm.

505 (b) Each county and municipality shall update the plan no
506 later than May 1 annually.

507 (2)(a) By May 1 annually, each county and municipality
508 shall publish on its website a hurricane and tropical storm
509 recovery permitting guide for residential and commercial
510 property owners. The guide must describe:

511 1. The types of post-storm repairs that require a permit
512 and applicable fees.

513 2. The types of post-storm repairs that do not require a
514 permit.

515 3. The post-storm permit application process and specific
516 modifications the county or municipality commonly makes to
517 expedite the process, including the physical locations where
518 permitting services will be offered.

519 4. Local requirements for rebuilding specific to the county
520 or municipality, including elevation requirements following
521 substantial damage and substantial improvement pursuant to the
522 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and any local amendments
523 to the building code.

524 (b) As soon as practicable following a hurricane or
525 tropical storm, a county or municipality within the area for
526 which a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36 for such
527 hurricane or tropical storm is declared shall publish updates on
528 its website to the information required under paragraph (a)
529 which are specific to such storm, including any permitting fee
530 waivers or reductions.

531 (3) A county or municipality located entirely or partially
532 within 100 miles of the track, as determined by the National



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533 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, of a hurricane or
534 tropical storm and for which a state of emergency is declared
535 pursuant to s. 252.36:

536 (a) May not increase building permit or inspection fees for
537 a period of 180 days after the date on which the state of
538 emergency was declared.

539 (b) Must, as soon as practicable, have employees and
540 supplemental personnel available during the county's or
541 municipality's normal business hours to process permits.

542 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section
543 380.0552, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

544 380.0552 Florida Keys Area; protection and designation as
545 area of critical state concern.—

546 (9) MODIFICATION TO PLANS AND REGULATIONS.—

547 (a) Any land development regulation or element of a local
548 comprehensive plan in the Florida Keys Area may be enacted,
549 amended, or rescinded by a local government, but the enactment,
550 amendment, or rescission becomes effective only upon approval by
551 the state land planning agency. The state land planning agency
552 shall review the proposed change to determine if it is in
553 compliance with the principles for guiding development specified
554 in chapter 27F-8, Florida Administrative Code, as amended
555 effective August 23, 1984, and must approve or reject the
556 requested changes within 60 days after receipt. Amendments to
557 local comprehensive plans in the Florida Keys Area must also be
558 reviewed for compliance with the following:

559 1. Construction schedules and detailed capital financing
560 plans for wastewater management improvements in the annually
561 adopted capital improvements element, and standards for the



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562 construction of wastewater treatment and disposal facilities or
563 collection systems that meet or exceed the criteria in s.
564 403.086(11) for wastewater treatment and disposal facilities or
565 s. 381.0065(4)(1) for onsite sewage treatment and disposal
566 systems.

567 2. Goals, objectives, and policies to protect public safety
568 and welfare in the event of a natural disaster by maintaining a
569 hurricane evacuation clearance time for permanent residents of
570 no more than 26 ~~24~~ hours. The hurricane evacuation clearance
571 time shall be determined by a hurricane evacuation study
572 conducted in accordance with a professionally accepted
573 methodology and approved by the state land planning agency. For
574 purposes of hurricane evacuation clearance time:

575 a. Mobile home residents are not considered permanent
576 residents.

577 b. The City of Key West Area of Critical State Concern
578 established by chapter 28-36, Florida Administrative Code, shall
579 be included in the hurricane evacuation study and is subject to
580 the evacuation requirements of this subsection.

581 Section 17. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
582 amendment made by this act to s. 380.0552, Florida Statutes,
583 will accommodate the building of additional developments within
584 the Florida Keys to ameliorate the acute affordable housing and
585 building permit allocation shortage. The Legislature also
586 intends that local governments subject to the hurricane
587 evacuation clearance time restrictions on residential buildings
588 manage growth with a heightened focus on long-term stability and
589 affordable housing for the local workforce.

590 Section 18. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (4) of



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591 section 553.73, Florida Statutes, to read:
592 553.73 Florida Building Code.—
593 (4)
594 (m) A local government may not adopt a local lookback
595 ordinance for substantial improvements or repairs to a structure
596 which is more stringent than the Florida Building Code. A
597 lookback ordinance adopted by a local government before July 1,
598 2025, is void and unenforceable.

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600 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

601 And the title is amended as follows:

602 Delete lines 29 - 122

603 and insert:

604 provided by the division; authorizing such training to
605 be provided by a foundation under certain
606 circumstances; revising inventory requirements;
607 deleting a requirement for a certain biennial report;
608 requiring the division to conduct an annual hurricane
609 readiness session in each region designated by the
610 division for a specified purpose; requiring all county
611 emergency management directors, and authorizing other
612 county and municipal personnel to attend such session;
613 requiring that the session include specified topics
614 and needs; amending s. 252.355, F.S.; authorizing the
615 Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide certain
616 information to specified clients or their caregivers;
617 amending s. 252.3611, F.S.; directing specified
618 entities to submit specified contracts and reports to
619 the Legislature under specified conditions; requiring



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620 that such contracts be posted on a specified secure
621 contract system; requiring the Auditor General to post
622 the results of specified audits on his or her official
623 website; requiring the division to report annually to
624 the Legislature specified information on expenditures
625 related to emergencies; providing requirements for
626 such report; amending s. 252.365, F.S.; revising the
627 responsibilities for agency emergency coordination
628 officers; requiring agency heads to notify the
629 Governor and the division of the person designated as
630 the emergency coordination officer annually by a
631 specified date; amending s. 252.3655, F.S.; creating
632 the natural hazards risks and mitigation interagency
633 coordinating group; providing the purpose of the
634 group; providing for the membership and administration
635 of the group; requiring agency representatives to
636 provide information relating to natural hazards to
637 this state, agency resources, efforts to address and
638 mitigate risk and impacts of natural hazards;
639 requiring the group to meet in person or by
640 communication media technology at least quarterly for
641 specified purposes; requiring specified agency heads
642 to meet at least annually to strategize and prioritize
643 state efforts; requiring the division, on behalf of
644 the group, to prepare a certain progress report;
645 revising the requirements of such report; revising
646 requirements for an annual progress report by the
647 division on behalf of the group; requiring the
648 division, on behalf of the group, to submit such



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649 report to the Governor and the Legislature; amending
650 s. 252.37, F.S.; requiring the division to notify the
651 Legislature of its intent to accept or apply for
652 federal funds under certain circumstances; requiring
653 the division to take steps to maximize the
654 availability and expedite distribution of financial
655 assistance from the Federal Government to state and
656 local agencies; requiring that such steps include the
657 standardization and streamlining of the application
658 process for federal financial assistance and the
659 provision of assistance to those applicants for a
660 specified purpose; requiring the division to use
661 certain federal funds to implement such requirements;
662 creating s. 252.3713, F.S.; requiring the division to
663 administer the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program;
664 authorizing the division to retain a specified
665 percentage of the funds for use within the state;
666 requiring that the remaining percentage be distributed
667 for use by certain recipients; authorizing
668 subrecipients to make a certain election for a
669 specified use; requiring the prioritization of certain
670 projects; authorizing the division to coordinate with
671 specified entities under certain circumstances;
672 requiring that such cooperation ensures certain
673 requirements are met and certain projects are funded;
674 authorizing fiscally constrained counties to request
675 that the division administer the grant for such a
676 county; authorizing such counties to request certain
677 assistance from the division; requiring the division



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678 to provide a certain report annually to the
679 Legislature; requiring the division to adopt rules;
680 amending s. 252.373, F.S.; conforming a cross-
681 reference; amending s. 252.38, F.S.; requiring each
682 political subdivision to notify the division of the
683 designated emergency contact annually by a specified
684 date; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; revising reporting
685 requirements for the division; revising requirements
686 for a specified list; requiring the Department of
687 Health and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to
688 assist the division with certain determinations;
689 creating s. 252.392, F.S.; requiring counties and
690 municipalities to develop a post-storm permitting
691 plan; providing requirements for the plan; requiring
692 annual updates to the plan by a specified date;
693 requiring counties and municipalities to publish, and
694 post on their websites, a specified storm recovery
695 guide annually by a specified date; prohibiting
696 certain counties and municipalities from increasing
697 building permit or inspection fees within a specified
698 timeframe; requiring, as soon as practicable, such
699 counties and municipalities to have certain personnel
700 available during normal business hours; amending s.
701 380.0552, F.S.; revising the maximum evacuation
702 clearance time for permanent residents of the Florida
703 Keys Area, which time is an element for which
704 amendments to local comprehensive plans in the Florida
705 Keys Area must be reviewed for compliance; providing
706 legislative intent; amending s. 553.73, F.S.;



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707 prohibiting local governments from adopting lookback
708 ordinances for substantial improvements or repairs to
709 a structure which are more stringent than the Florida
710 Building Code; providing that lookback ordinances
711 adopted by local governments before a specified date
712 are void and unenforceable; amending s. 400.063,