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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 such list to  
6 include certain events; requiring a political  
7 subdivision to report incidents contained on the list  
8 to the State Watch Office; authorizing the Division of  
9 Emergency Management to establish guidelines a  
10 political subdivision must follow to report an  
11 incident; requiring the Division of Emergency  
12 Management to annually provide the list of reportable  
13 incidents to each political subdivision; providing an  
14 effective date.

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

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

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

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

25 (2) The division shall create and maintain a list of  
26 reportable incidents. The list shall include, but is not limited  
27 to, the following events:

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

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30           (b) Search and rescue operations, including structure  
31 collapses or urban search and rescue responses.

32           (c) Bomb threats or threats to inflict harm on a large  
33 number of people or significant infrastructure, suspicious  
34 devices, or device detonations.

35           (d) Natural hazards and severe weather, including  
36 earthquakes, landslides, or ground subsidence or sinkholes.

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

40           (f) Animal or agricultural events, including suspected or  
41 confirmed animal diseases, suspected or confirmed agricultural  
42 diseases, crop failures, or food supply contamination.

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

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

49           (i) Major transportation events, including aircraft or  
50 airport incidents, passenger or commercial railroad incidents,  
51 major road or bridge closures, or marine incidents involving a  
52 blocked navigable channel of a major waterway.

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

57           (k) Military events, when information regarding such  
58 activities are provided to a political subdivision.

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

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

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