

By the Committee on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports;
and Senator Dockery

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Chief of Domestic
3 Security Initiatives; amending s. 943.0311,
4 F.S.; providing for security assessments of all
5 buildings, facilities, and structures owned or
6 occupied by state agencies, state universities,
7 and community colleges, by the employees and
8 within existing resources of such state
9 agencies, state universities, or community
10 colleges; requiring completion of initial
11 security assessments by a specified date;
12 providing for subsequent security assessments;
13 providing for reports; requiring the chief to
14 communicate to local governments regarding
15 security assessments of buildings and
16 facilities; providing that costs of security
17 assessments of local government buildings and
18 facilities shall be borne by the local
19 government; providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 943.0311, Florida Statutes, is
24 amended to read:

25 943.0311 Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives; and
26 ~~the department's~~ duties of the department with respect to
27 domestic security.--

28 (1) The executive director of the department, or a
29 member of the department designated by the executive director,
30 shall serve as the Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives.

31 ~~(1)~~ The Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives shall:

1 (a) Coordinate the efforts of the department in the
2 ongoing assessment of this state's vulnerability to, and
3 ability to detect and respond to, acts of terrorism, ~~as~~
4 ~~defined in s. 775.30,~~ within or affecting this state.

5 (b) Prepare recommendations for the ~~Executive Office~~
6 ~~of the~~ Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
7 of the House of Representatives, which are based upon ongoing
8 assessments to limit the vulnerability of the state to
9 terrorism.

10 (c) Coordinate the collection of proposals to limit
11 the vulnerability of the state to terrorism.

12 (d) Use regional task forces to support the duties of
13 the department set forth in this section.

14 (e) Use public or private resources to perform the
15 duties assigned to the department under this section.

16 ~~(f) Perform other duties assigned by law.~~

17 (2)~~(a)~~ The chief shall conduct or cause to be
18 conducted by the personnel and with the resources of the state
19 agency, state university, or community college that owns or
20 leases a building, facility, or structure, ~~specific~~ security
21 assessments of buildings, and facilities, and structures owned
22 or leased by state agencies, state universities, and community
23 colleges. Each state agency, state university, and community
24 college or local governments. All state agencies and local
25 ~~governments~~ shall cooperate with the department and provide
26 the assistance of employees within existing resources to
27 provide to the chief information in the format requested by
28 the chief. The chief must report to the Governor, the
29 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
30 Representatives if any state agency, state university, or
31 community college substantially fails to cooperate with the

1 chief in making a security assessment of the buildings,
2 facilities, and structures of the state agency, state
3 university, or community college.

4 (a) The initial assessment of each building, facility,
5 or structure owned or leased by a state agency, state
6 university, or community college shall be completed by the
7 state agency, state university, or community college and shall
8 be provided to the chief no later than December 1, 2003.

9 (b) The chief may request followup assessments to
10 ensure that the security assessments of buildings, facilities,
11 and structures, owned or leased by state agencies, state
12 universities, and community colleges, remain reasonably
13 current and valid.~~requested information and resources to~~
14 ~~assist the department in meeting its responsibilities under~~
15 ~~this section.~~

16 ~~(b) Based upon the security assessments, the chief~~
17 ~~shall prepare recommendations to enhance the security of~~
18 ~~buildings and facilities owned or leased by state agencies or~~
19 ~~local governments.~~

20 (3)(c) The chief shall report to the Executive Office
21 of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker
22 of the House of Representatives by November 1 of each year
23 prioritized suggestions for specific security enhancement of
24 ~~recommended minimum security standards or security enhancement~~
25 ~~needs for any building, or facility, or structure~~ owned or
26 leased by a state agency, state university, or community
27 college or local government. The report must identify and
28 prioritize the recommended security enhancements and provide
29 recommendations to maximize federal funding in support of
30 building and facility security.

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1 ~~(4)(3)~~ The chief shall report ~~develop and submit~~ to
2 the ~~Executive Office of the~~ Governor, the President of the
3 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
4 recommended best practices for safety and security of
5 buildings, facilities, and structures owned or leased by state
6 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local
7 governments. To promote the continued safety of government
8 buildings, facilities, and structures within the state, the
9 best practices may be revised or enhanced by the chief as
10 necessary. The recommended best practices are not a rule as
11 defined in chapter 120.

12 ~~(5)~~ The chief shall communicate to local governments
13 the importance of conducting security assessments of
14 buildings, facilities, and structures owned or leased by such
15 local governments, and the options local governments should
16 consider in obtaining security assessments. The cost of any
17 security assessment of a building, facility, or structure
18 owned or leased by a local government shall be borne by the
19 local government. ~~The chief shall review the recommended best~~
20 ~~practices as necessary, but at least once each year, and shall~~
21 ~~submit any recommended changes to the Executive Office of the~~
22 ~~Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the~~
23 ~~House of Representatives.~~

24 ~~(6)(4)~~ The chief may conduct specific security
25 assessments of a building or facility owned by a private
26 entity upon the request of that private entity. The chief may
27 prioritize requests, and such prioritization is not agency
28 action that is subject to review under chapter 120. The chief
29 may solicit private entities for the purpose of receiving
30 requests to perform security assessments of buildings or
31 facilities. Private entities are urged to cooperate with and

1 assist the department in meeting its responsibilities for
2 domestic security.

3 ~~(5) By November 1 of each year, the executive director~~
4 ~~shall compile, coordinate, and prioritize recommendations and~~
5 ~~proposals concerning security and shall present the~~
6 ~~recommendations and proposals to the Executive Office of the~~
7 ~~Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the~~
8 ~~House of Representatives. All recommendations seeking funding~~
9 ~~shall be prioritized, with critical domestic security needs~~
10 ~~requiring immediate or top-priority funding being clearly~~
11 ~~identified. Such recommendations shall include recommendations~~
12 ~~to maximize federal funding in support of the state's~~
13 ~~domestic security efforts.~~

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15 law.

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1 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
3 Senate Bill 1612
4 Requires the Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives within the
5 Department of Law Enforcement to conduct, or cause to be
6 conducted, security assessments of buildings and facilities
7 that are owned or leased by state agencies, state
8 universities, and community colleges by December 1, 2003.
9 Directs each state agency, state university, or community
10 college to cooperate with the Department of Law Enforcement
11 and provide the assistance of employees within existing
12 resources to provide information to the chief in a designated
13 format.
14 Requires the chief to report to the Governor and the
15 Legislature if any state agency, state university, or
16 community college substantially fails to cooperate with the
17 chief in making security assessments.
18 Requires the initial assessment of each building owned or
19 leased by a state agency, state university, or community
20 college be provided to the chief no later than December 1,
21 2003, and provides for the chief to conduct followup
22 assessments as necessary.
23 Requires the chief to make an annual report of prioritized
24 suggestions for specific security enhancements to the Governor
25 and the Legislature.
26 Requires the chief to report recommended best practices for
27 the safety and security of state agencies, universities,
28 colleges, and local governments and authorizes the chief to
29 revise the best practices as necessary.
30 Directs the chief to communicate to local governments the
31 importance of conducting security assessments and options to
 consider in obtaining assessments; local governments must bear
 the costs of such assessments.