

By the Committee on Appropriations; 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 and water
15 management districts regarding security
16 assessments of buildings and facilities;
17 providing that costs of security assessments of
18 local government buildings and facilities shall
19 be borne by the local government or water
20 management district; providing an effective
21 date.

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

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25 Section 1. Section 943.0311, Florida Statutes, is
26 amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

14 (c) Coordinate the collection of proposals to limit
15 the vulnerability of the state to terrorism.

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

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

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

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

1 the chief. The chief must report to the Governor, the
2 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives if any state agency, state university, or
4 community college substantially fails to cooperate with the
5 chief in making a security assessment of the buildings,
6 facilities, and structures of the state agency, state
7 university, or community college.

8 (a) The initial assessment of each building, facility,
9 or structure owned or leased by a state agency, state
10 university, or community college shall be completed by the
11 state agency, state university, or community college and shall
12 be provided to the chief no later than November 1, 2004.

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

20 ~~(b) Based upon the security assessments, the chief~~
21 ~~shall prepare recommendations to enhance the security of~~
22 ~~buildings and facilities owned or leased by state agencies or~~
23 ~~local governments.~~

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

1 prioritize the recommended security enhancements and provide
2 recommendations to maximize federal funding in support of
3 building and facility security.

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

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

30 ~~(6)(4)~~ The chief may conduct specific security
31 assessments of a building or facility owned by a private

1 entity upon the request of that private entity. The chief may
2 prioritize requests, and such prioritization is not agency
3 action that is subject to review under chapter 120. The chief
4 may solicit private entities for the purpose of receiving
5 requests to perform security assessments of buildings or
6 facilities. Private entities are urged to cooperate with and
7 assist the department in meeting its responsibilities for
8 domestic security.

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

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 124

The committee substitute requires submission of initial security assessments by state agencies, state universities, and community colleges, to the Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives by November 1, 2004, rather than December 1, 2004.

The committee substitute requires the Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives to communicate to water management districts options to consider in obtaining security assessments of buildings, facilities, and structures owned or leased by the water management districts.

The committee substitute provides that the cost of said security assessments shall be borne by the water management districts.