By the Committee on Domestic Security; and Senator Constantine

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to emergency management;
3	amending s. 252.32, F.S.; providing that it is
4	the policy of the Legislature to encourage
5	counties and municipalities to explore the use
6	of emerging technologies for the purpose of
7	disseminating information to the public before,
8	during, and after an emergency or natural
9	disaster; requiring the Department of Community
10	Affairs to compile a list of potential sources
11	of grant funds and disseminate the list to all
12	counties and municipalities so that they may
13	use the list as a guide for applying for
14	grants; amending s. 252.38, F.S.; authorizing a
15	county or municipality to establish a volunteer
16	disaster assistance recovery program;
17	authorizing advisory committees to negotiate
18	voluntary compliance standards and agreements
19	with local businesses; authorizing a county or
20	municipality to require that a representative
21	of a private utility be present at the local
22	emergency operations center for purposes of
23	coordination during an emergency or natural
24	disaster; providing an effective date.
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26	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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28	Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 252.32,
29	Florida Statutes, to read:
30	252.32 Policy and purpose
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1	(3) The Legislature, as a matter of public policy,
2	encourages counties and municipalities to explore the use of
3	emerging technologies as a means of disseminating information
4	to the public before, during, and after an emergency or
5	natural disaster. Use of the Internet, e-mail, text messaging,
6	and emergency telephone notification should be considered in
7	formulating strategies and plans for public communications. In
8	order to support efforts to increase the use of emerging
9	technologies, the Department of Community Affairs shall
10	compile a list of potential grant fund sources from federal
11	and state agencies and from private entities. The department
12	shall disseminate this list to all counties and municipalities
13	so that the counties and municipalities may use the list as a
14	quide for applying for grants.
15	Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to
16	subsection (3) of section 252.38, Florida Statutes, to read:
17	252.38 Emergency management powers of political
18	subdivisionsSafeguarding the life and property of its
19	citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of
20	each political subdivision of the state.
21	(3) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS; POLITICAL
22	SUBDIVISIONS
23	(c) A county or municipality may establish a volunteer
24	disaster assistance recovery program within the county or
25	municipality for the purpose of facilitating and improving
26	communications between emergency managers and the public in
27	the event of an emergency or natural disaster, and for the
28	purpose of delivering supplies and services through

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committees to negotiate voluntary compliance standards and

prearranged agreements with local businesses. Local

1	agreements with local businesses for the provision of goods
2	and services in the period immediately preceding, during, and
3	immediately after a declared emergency. The members of the
4	disaster assistance recovery advisory committee shall include,
5	but need not be limited to, residents of the county or
6	municipality and owners of businesses that are located within
7	the county or municipality.
8	(d) Pursuant to s. 252.41, a county or municipality
9	may require a representative of a private utility company be
10	present at its local emergency operations center for purposes
11	of coordination during an actual emergency or natural disaster
12	if other adequate means of coordination cannot be readily
13	established.
14	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
15	law.
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17	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
18	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>SB 232</u>
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20	Expresses legislative encouragement to counties and
21	municipalities to explore the use of emerging technologies to improve communications between emergency managers and the
22	public. In order to support the increased use of these technologies, requires the Department of Communities Affairs
23	to prepare a list of grant funding sources and disseminate the list to all counties and municipalities.
24	Permissively authorizes counties and municipalities to
25	establish volunteer disaster assistance recovery programs. Counties and municipalities may form disaster assistance
26	recovery committees made up of community residents and business owners for the purpose of setting voluntary
27	compliance standards and negotiating prearranged agreements for delivery of goods and services in an emergency situation.
28 Permissively authorizes	Permissively authorizes counties and municipalities to require
29	a private utility company representative be present in its emergency operations center for coordination purposes if
30	desired.
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