

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Division of Emergency Management of  
 3           the Department of Community Affairs; amending s. 20.18,  
 4           F.S.; providing that the director of the Division of  
 5           Emergency Management shall be appointed by and serve under  
 6           the oversight of the Governor; providing that the division  
 7           shall be a separate budget entity and not subject to the  
 8           control, supervision, or direction of the Department of  
 9           Community Affairs in matters involving personnel,  
 10          purchasing, and the budget of the division; authorizing  
 11          the division to enter into a service agreement with the  
 12          department for professional, technological, and  
 13          administrative support services; requiring the division to  
 14          collaborate and coordinate with the department on all  
 15          nonemergency response matters; providing an effective  
 16          date.

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

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 20           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
 21           20.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22           20.18 Department of Community Affairs.--There is created a  
 23           Department of Community Affairs.

24           (2) The following units of the Department of Community  
 25           Affairs are established:

26           (a) Division of Emergency Management. The director of the  
 27           Division of Emergency Management shall be appointed by and shall  
 28           serve under the oversight of the Governor in carrying out the

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29 responsibilities of chapter 252. The division shall be a  
30 separate budget entity and not subject to the control,  
31 supervision, or direction of the department in matters involving  
32 personnel, purchasing, and the budget of the division. The  
33 division shall enter into a service agreement with the  
34 department for professional, technological, and administrative  
35 support services. The division shall collaborate and coordinate  
36 with the department on all nonemergency response matters,  
37 including, but not limited to, disaster recovery programs, grant  
38 programs, mitigation programs, and emergency matters related to  
39 comprehensive plans.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.