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1 The Domestic Security Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

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6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to the use of state facilities as
8 emergency shelters; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; providing
9 for use of certain state facilities as emergency shelters;
10 requiring the Department of Management Services to list
11 state-owned facilities that are suitable for use as
12 emergency shelters; providing requirements with respect to
13 such listing; defining terms; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
18 252.385, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
19 added to that subsection, to read:

20 252.385 Public shelter space.--

21 (4) (a) Public facilities, including schools, postsecondary
22 education facilities, and other facilities owned or leased by
23 the state or local governments, but excluding hospitals or

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24 nursing homes, which are suitable for use as public hurricane
25 evacuation shelters shall be made available at the request of
26 the local emergency management agencies. Such agencies shall
27 coordinate with the appropriate school board, university,
28 community college, state agency, or local governing board when
29 requesting the use of such facilities as public hurricane
30 evacuation shelters.

31 (d) The Department of Management Services shall include in
32 the annual state facilities inventory report required under ss.
33 216.015-216.016 a separate list of state-owned facilities,
34 including, but not limited to, meeting halls, auditoriums,
35 conference centers, and training centers that have unoccupied
36 space suitable for use as an emergency shelter during a storm or
37 other catastrophic event. Facilities must be listed by the
38 county and municipality where the facility is located and must
39 be made available in accordance with paragraph (a). As used in
40 this paragraph, the term "suitable for use as an emergency
41 shelter" means meeting the standards set by the American Red
42 Cross for a hurricane evacuation shelter, and the term
43 "unoccupied" means vacant due to suspended operation or nonuse.
44 The list must be updated by May 31 of each year.

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