

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the use of state facilities as  
3           emergency shelters; amending s. 252.385, F.S.; providing  
4           for use of certain state facilities as emergency shelters;  
5           requiring the Department of Management Services to list  
6           state-owned facilities that are suitable for use as  
7           emergency shelters; providing requirements with respect to  
8           such listing; defining terms; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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12           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
13           252.385, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is  
14           added to that subsection, to read:

15           252.385 Public shelter space.--

16           (4) (a) Public facilities, including schools, postsecondary  
17           education facilities, and other facilities owned or leased by  
18           the state or local governments, but excluding hospitals or  
19           nursing homes, which are suitable for use as public hurricane  
20           evacuation shelters shall be made available at the request of  
21           the local emergency management agencies. Such agencies shall  
22           coordinate with the appropriate school board, university,  
23           community college, state agency, or local governing board when  
24           requesting the use of such facilities as public hurricane  
25           evacuation shelters.

26           (d) The Department of Management Services shall include in  
27           the annual state facilities inventory report required under ss.

28 | 216.015-216.016 a separate list of state-owned facilities,  
29 | including, but not limited to, meeting halls, auditoriums,  
30 | conference centers, and training centers that have unoccupied  
31 | space suitable for use as an emergency shelter during a storm or  
32 | other catastrophic event. Facilities must be listed by the  
33 | county and municipality where the facility is located and must  
34 | be made available in accordance with paragraph (a). As used in  
35 | this paragraph, the term "suitable for use as an emergency  
36 | shelter" means meeting the standards set by the American Red  
37 | Cross for a hurricane evacuation shelter, and the term  
38 | "unoccupied" means vacant due to suspended operation or nonuse.  
39 | The list must be updated by May 31 of each year.

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