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2006 Legislature

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.

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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.