

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to weather impacts; creating s.
 3 252.3655, F.S.; creating an interagency workgroup to
 4 share information, coordinate ongoing efforts, and
 5 collaborate on initiatives relating to weather events;
 6 defining the term "weather events"; providing for
 7 specified agencies to select liaisons to the
 8 workgroup; designating the director of the Division of
 9 Emergency Management or the director's designee as the
 10 liaison to and coordinator of the workgroup; requiring
 11 the workgroup to prepare a specified annual report;
 12 requiring the workgroup to submit the report to the
 13 Governor and the Legislature; requiring the director
 14 of the division or the director's designee to post the
 15 report on the division's website; requiring each
 16 agency liaison to post the report on the respective
 17 agency's website; providing an effective date.

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 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21 Section 1. Section 252.3655, Florida Statutes, is created
 22 to read:

23 252.3655 Weather interagency workgroup.—

24 (1) (a) An interagency workgroup is created for the purpose
 25 of sharing information on the current and potential impacts of
 26 weather events throughout the state, coordinating the ongoing

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27 efforts of state agencies in addressing the impacts of weather
28 events, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to address
29 the impacts of weather events. As used in this section, the term
30 "weather events" includes, but is not limited to, extreme heat,
31 drought, wildfire, sea-level change, high tides, storm surge,
32 saltwater intrusion, stormwater runoff, flash floods, inland
33 flooding, and coastal flooding.

34 (b) The head of each executive department, the executive
35 director of each water management district, the Florida Public
36 Service Commission, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
37 Commission, the Department of Military Affairs, the Office of
38 Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, the
39 Office of Financial Regulation of the Financial Services
40 Commission, and the Board of Governors of the State University
41 System shall select from within such agency a person to be
42 designated as the agency liaison to the workgroup. The director
43 of the Division of Emergency Management or the director's
44 designee shall serve as the liaison to and coordinator of the
45 workgroup. The workgroup may meet in person or by teleconference
46 as often as the workgroup deems necessary to share information,
47 leverage resources, coordinate ongoing efforts, and prepare an
48 annual report pursuant to this section.

49 (2) (a) The workgroup is responsible for preparing an
50 annual report that shall, at a minimum:

51 1. Assess the relevance, level, and significance of
52 current agency efforts to address the impacts of weather events.

53 2. Create a uniform vulnerability assessment based on
54 current scientific literature to identify and evaluate potential
55 weather impacts that the agencies have not addressed.

56 3. Strategize and prioritize ongoing efforts to address
57 the impacts of weather events.

58 (b) In preparing the report, the workgroup is encouraged
59 to seek out state and national academic resources.

60 (3) (a) By January 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the
61 workgroup shall issue a report on the current initiatives of the
62 workgroup in coordinating and developing efforts to address the
63 current and potential impacts of weather events. The report
64 shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
65 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

66 (b) The director of the Division of Emergency Management
67 or the director's designee is responsible for posting the
68 workgroup's annual report on the division's website.

69 (c) Each agency liaison is responsible for posting the
70 workgroup's annual report on the respective agency's website.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.