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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Gibson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 252.3655, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

252.3655 Natural hazards interagency workgroup.-

(1) (a) An interagency workgroup is created for the purpose  
of sharing information on the current and potential impacts of  
natural hazards throughout the state, coordinating the ongoing



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11 efforts of state agencies in addressing the impacts of natural  
12 hazards, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to address  
13 the impacts of natural hazards. As used in this section, the  
14 term "natural hazards" includes, but is not limited to, extreme  
15 heat, drought, wildfire, sea-level change, high tides, storm  
16 surge, saltwater intrusion, stormwater runoff, flash floods,  
17 inland flooding, and coastal flooding.

18 (b) Each agency within the executive branch of state  
19 government, each water management district, and the Florida  
20 Public Service Commission shall select from within such agency a  
21 person to be designated as the agency liaison to the workgroup.

22 (c) The director of the Division of Emergency Management or  
23 his or her designee shall serve as the liaison to and  
24 coordinator of the workgroup.

25 (d) Each liaison shall provide information from his or her  
26 respective agency on the current and potential impacts of  
27 natural hazards to his or her agency, agency resources available  
28 to mitigate against natural hazards, and efforts made by the  
29 agency to address the impacts of natural hazards.

30 (e) The workgroup shall meet in person or by teleconference  
31 on a quarterly basis to share information, leverage agency  
32 resources, coordinate ongoing efforts, and provide information  
33 for inclusion in the annual progress report submitted pursuant  
34 to subsection (2).

35 (2) (a) On behalf of the workgroup, the Division of  
36 Emergency Management shall prepare an annual progress report on  
37 the implementation of the state's hazard mitigation plan,  
38 developed and submitted in accordance with 42 U.S.C. s. 5165 and  
39 any implementing regulations, as it relates to natural hazards.



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40 At a minimum, the annual progress report must:

41 1. Assess the relevance, level, and significance of current  
42 agency efforts to address the impacts of natural hazards; and

43 2. Strategize and prioritize ongoing efforts to address the  
44 impacts of natural hazards.

45 (b) Each liaison is responsible for ensuring that the  
46 workgroup's annual progress report is posted on his or her  
47 agency's website.

48 (c) By January 1, 2018, and each year thereafter, the  
49 workgroup shall submit the annual progress report to the  
50 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
51 House of Representatives.

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

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54 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

55 And the title is amended as follows:

56 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
57 and insert:

58 A bill to be entitled  
59 An act relating to natural hazards; creating s.  
60 252.3655, F.S.; creating an interagency workgroup to  
61 share information, coordinate ongoing efforts, and  
62 collaborate on initiatives relating to natural  
63 hazards; defining the term "natural hazards";  
64 requiring certain agencies to designate liaisons to  
65 the workgroup; designating the director of the  
66 Division of Emergency Management or his or her  
67 designee as the liaison to and coordinator of the  
68 workgroup; specifying duties and responsibilities of



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69        each liaison and the workgroup; requiring the division  
70        to prepare an annual report; specifying report  
71        requirements; requiring each agency liaison to ensure  
72        that the report is posted on his or her agency's  
73        website; requiring the workgroup to submit the report  
74        to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an  
75        effective date.