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2 An act relating to natural hazards; 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 natural
6 hazards; defining the term "natural hazards";
7 requiring certain agencies to designate liaisons to
8 the workgroup; designating the director of the
9 Division of Emergency Management or his or her
10 designee as the liaison to and coordinator of the
11 workgroup; specifying duties and responsibilities of
12 each liaison and the workgroup; requiring the division
13 to prepare an annual report; specifying report
14 requirements; requiring each agency liaison to ensure
15 that the report is posted on his or her agency's
16 website; requiring the workgroup to submit the report
17 to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an
18 appropriation and authorizing a position; providing an
19 effective date.

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

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

25 252.3655 Natural hazards interagency workgroup.-

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26 (1) (a) An interagency workgroup is created for the purpose
27 of sharing information on the current and potential impacts of
28 natural hazards throughout the state, coordinating the ongoing
29 efforts of state agencies in addressing the impacts of natural
30 hazards, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to address
31 the impacts of natural hazards. As used in this section, the
32 term "natural hazards" includes, but is not limited to, extreme
33 heat, drought, wildfire, sea-level change, high tides, storm
34 surge, saltwater intrusion, stormwater runoff, flash floods,
35 inland flooding, and coastal flooding.

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

40 (c) The director of the Division of Emergency Management
41 or his or her designee shall serve as the liaison to and
42 coordinator of the workgroup.

43 (d) Each liaison shall provide information from his or her
44 respective agency on the current and potential impacts of
45 natural hazards to his or her agency, agency resources available
46 to mitigate against natural hazards, and efforts made by the
47 agency to address the impacts of natural hazards.

48 (e) The workgroup shall meet in person or by
49 teleconference on a quarterly basis to share information,
50 leverage agency resources, coordinate ongoing efforts, and

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51 provide information for inclusion in the annual progress report
52 submitted pursuant to subsection (2).

53 (2) (a) On behalf of the workgroup, the Division of
54 Emergency Management shall prepare an annual progress report on
55 the implementation of the state's hazard mitigation plan,
56 developed and submitted in accordance with 42 U.S.C. s. 5165 and
57 any implementing regulations, as it relates to natural hazards.
58 At a minimum, the annual progress report must:

59 1. Assess the relevance, level, and significance of
60 current agency efforts to address the impacts of natural
61 hazards; and

62 2. Strategize and prioritize ongoing efforts to address
63 the impacts of natural hazards.

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

67 (c) By January 1, 2019, and each year thereafter, the
68 workgroup shall submit the annual progress report to the
69 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
70 House of Representatives.

71 Section 2. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sums of
72 \$84,738 in recurring funds and \$4,046 in nonrecurring funds are
73 appropriated from the Grants and Donations Trust Fund to the
74 Division of Emergency Management, and one full-time equivalent
75 position and associated salary rate of 47,000 are authorized for

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76 | the purpose of implementing this act.

77 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.