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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Division of Emergency
3 Management; amending s. 14.2016, F.S.; requiring that
4 the division director be subject to Senate
5 confirmation; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 14.2016, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 14.2016 Division of Emergency Management.—

12 (1) The Division of Emergency Management is established
13 within the Executive Office of the Governor. The division shall
14 be a separate budget entity, as provided in the General
15 Appropriations Act and shall prepare and submit a budget request
16 in accordance with chapter 216. The division shall be
17 responsible for all professional, technical, and administrative
18 support functions necessary to carry out its responsibilities
19 under part I of chapter 252. The director of the division shall
20 be appointed by the Governor and is subject to confirmation by
21 the Senate. The director shall ~~and~~ serve at the pleasure of the
22 Governor and ~~shall~~ be the head of the division for all purposes.
23 The division shall administer programs to rapidly apply all
24 available aid to communities stricken by an emergency as defined
25 in s. 252.34 and, for this purpose, shall provide liaison with
26 federal agencies and other public and private agencies.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.