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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/11/2020	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Diaz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 252.351, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

252.351 Mandatory reporting of certain incidents by
political subdivisions.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term "office" means
the State Watch Office established within the division pursuant



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11 to s. 14.2016.

12 (2) The office, to aid in its mission of serving as a
13 clearinghouse for emergency-related information across all
14 levels of government, shall create and maintain a list of
15 reportable incidents. The list must include, but is not limited
16 to, the following events:

17 (a) Major fires, including wildfires, commercial or
18 multiunit residential fires, and industrial fires.

19 (b) Search and rescue operations, including structure
20 collapse or urban search and rescue response.

21 (c) Bomb threats or threats to inflict harm on a large
22 number of people or significant infrastructure, a suspicious
23 device, or device detonation.

24 (d) Natural hazards and severe weather, including
25 earthquakes, landslides, or ground subsidence or sinkholes.

26 (e) Public health and population protective actions,
27 including public health hazards, evacuation orders, or emergency
28 shelter openings.

29 (f) Animal or agricultural events, including suspected or
30 confirmed animal disease, suspected or confirmed agricultural
31 disease, crop failure, or food supply contamination.

32 (g) Environmental concerns, including an incident of
33 reportable pollution release as required in s. 403.077(2).

34 (h) Nuclear power plant events, including events in process
35 or that have occurred that indicate a potential degradation of
36 the level of safety of the plant or that indicate a security
37 threat to facility protection.

38 (i) Major transportation events, including aircraft or
39 airport incidents, passenger or commercial railroad incidents,



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40 major road or bridge closures, or marine incidents involving a
41 blocked navigable channel of a major waterway.

42 (j) Major utility or infrastructure events, including dam
43 failure or overtopping, drinking water facility breach, or major
44 utility outages or disruptions involving transmission lines or
45 substations.

46 (k) Military events, when information regarding such
47 activity is provided to a political subdivision.

48 (3) As soon as practicable following its initial response
49 to an incident, a political subdivision shall provide
50 notification to the office that an incident specified on the
51 list of reportable incidents has occurred within its
52 geographical boundaries. The office may establish guidelines
53 specifying the method and format a political subdivision must
54 use when reporting an incident.

55 (4) Beginning December 1, 2020, and by December 1 every
56 year thereafter, the office must provide the list of reportable
57 incidents to each political subdivision.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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

61 And the title is amended as follows:

62 Delete everything before the enacting clause
63 and insert:

64 A bill to be entitled
65 An act relating to emergency reporting; creating s.
66 252.351, F.S.; defining the term "office"; requiring
67 the State Watch Office within the Division of
68 Emergency Management to create a list of reportable



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69 incidents; requiring a political subdivision to report
70 incidents contained on the list to the office;
71 authorizing the office to establish guidelines a
72 political subdivision must follow to report an
73 incident; requiring the office to annually provide the
74 list of reportable incidents to each political
75 subdivision; providing an effective date.