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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to emergency reporting; creating s.  
3           252.351, F.S.; requiring a county or municipality to  
4           report certain incidents to the State Watch Office  
5           within the Division of Emergency Management;  
6           authorizing the division to establish guidelines to  
7           specify additional information that must be provided  
8           by a reporting county or municipality; providing an  
9           effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 252.351, Florida Statutes, is created to  
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15           252.351 Mandatory reporting of certain incidents by  
16           counties and municipalities.-

17           (1) As soon as practicable following its initial response  
18           to an incident, a county or a municipality shall provide  
19           notification to the State Watch Office within the division of  
20           any of the following incidents that occur within the geographic  
21           boundaries of the county or municipality:

22           (a) Major fire incidents and search and rescue operations,  
23           including wildfires, multiunit commercial or residential fires,  
24           industrial accidents, structure collapses, urban search and  
25           rescue responses, and transportation incidents requiring a  
26           search and rescue response.

27           (b) Law enforcement incidents and other suspicious  
28           activity, including bomb threats, the report of a threat to  
29           inflict harm on large numbers of people or significant damage to

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30 critical infrastructure, a device detonation, the discovery of  
31 any suspicious device, civil events or disturbances, rioting,  
32 any law enforcement search or manhunt for a violent felony  
33 suspect, active shooter or active shooting situations, looting,  
34 poisoning, any incidents involving a suspicious powder,  
35 correctional facility incidents, a cyber-related infrastructure  
36 breach, a lockdown, and a security breach.

37 (c) Natural hazards, including earthquakes, ground  
38 subsidence or sinkholes, severe weather reports, and severe  
39 weather damage.

40 (d) Population protective actions, including any public  
41 health hazards, the establishment of shelter-in-place orders or  
42 evacuation orders, emergency shelter openings, hazards involving  
43 animals or agriculture, and food supply contamination or  
44 recalls.

45 (e) Technical hazards or environmental concerns, including  
46 petroleum spills; wastewater releases; hazardous material spills  
47 and releases; chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear  
48 incidents; nuclear power plant events; and environmental crimes.

49 (f) Transportation incidents, including incidents involving  
50 aircraft or airports, railroad accidents or derailments, major  
51 road or bridge closings, and incidents involving marine vessels  
52 that block a navigable channel of a major waterway.

53 (g) Incidents involving utilities or infrastructure,  
54 including dam failure or overtopping, a drinking water facility  
55 breach, a water quality issue or boil water advisory, and  
56 utility disruptions or major outages involving transmission  
57 lines or substations.

58 (h) Military events, when information regarding such

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59 activity is provided to local officials.

60 (2) The division may establish guidelines specifying  
61 additional information that a county or municipality must  
62 provide to the State Watch Office when reporting an incident  
63 pursuant to subsection (1).

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