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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to emergency management; creating s.  
3           252.381, F.S.; providing that certain informational  
4           meetings or calls coordinated by a federal, state, or  
5           local emergency management agency related to any  
6           federal, state, or local response to a declared  
7           disaster are not considered public meetings if certain  
8           conditions are met; providing for construction;  
9           creating s. 252.351, F.S.; defining the term "office";  
10          requiring the State Watch Office within the Division  
11          of Emergency Management to create a list of reportable  
12          incidents; requiring a political subdivision to report  
13          incidents contained on the list to the office;  
14          authorizing the office to establish guidelines a  
15          political subdivision must follow to report an  
16          incident; requiring the office to annually provide the  
17          list of reportable incidents to each political  
18          subdivision; providing an effective date.

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

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22          Section 1. Section 252.381, Florida Statutes, is created to  
23          read:

24          252.381 Informational meetings or calls.—Any informational  
25          meeting, conference call, or video call coordinated by a  
26          federal, state, or local emergency management agency and related  
27          to any federal, state, or local response to a declared disaster  
28          is not a public meeting requiring public notice when two or more  
29          members of a county or municipality governing body that

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30 exercises local emergency management powers attend such an  
31 informational meeting or a call occurring within 14 days of the  
32 date that the declaration is issued by either the Governor or  
33 the Federal Government; provided, however, that such governing  
34 body members may not discuss or undertake any official action  
35 except as otherwise authorized by law. Nothing in this section  
36 is intended to prohibit making a meeting described in this  
37 section open to the public.

38 Section 2. Section 252.351, Florida Statutes, is created to  
39 read:

40 252.351 Mandatory reporting of certain incidents by  
41 political subdivisions.—

42 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "office" means  
43 the State Watch Office established within the division pursuant  
44 to s. 14.2016.

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

50 (a) Major fires, including wildfires, commercial or  
51 multiunit residential fires, and industrial fires.

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

54 (c) Bomb threats or threats to inflict harm on a large  
55 number of people or significant infrastructure, a suspicious  
56 device, or device detonation.

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

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59 (e) Public health and population protective actions,  
60 including public health hazards, evacuation orders, or emergency  
61 shelter openings.

62 (f) Animal or agricultural events, including suspected or  
63 confirmed animal disease, suspected or confirmed agricultural  
64 disease, crop failure, or food supply contamination.

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

67 (h) Nuclear power plant events, including events in process  
68 or that have occurred that indicate a potential degradation of  
69 the level of safety of the plant or that indicate a security  
70 threat to facility protection.

71 (i) Major transportation events, including aircraft or  
72 airport incidents, passenger or commercial railroad incidents,  
73 major road or bridge closures, or marine incidents involving a  
74 blocked navigable channel of a major waterway.

75 (j) Major utility or infrastructure events, including dam  
76 failure or overtopping, drinking water facility breach, or major  
77 utility outages or disruptions involving transmission lines or  
78 substations.

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

81 (3) As soon as practicable following its initial response  
82 to an incident, a political subdivision shall provide  
83 notification to the office that an incident specified on the  
84 list of reportable incidents has occurred within its  
85 geographical boundaries. The office may establish guidelines  
86 specifying the method and format a political subdivision must  
87 use when reporting an incident.

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

91           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.