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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to emergency reporting; creating s.
3 252.351, F.S.; defining the term "office"; requiring
4 the Division of Emergency Management to create a list
5 of reportable incidents; requiring such list to
6 include certain events; requiring a political
7 subdivision to report incidents contained on the list
8 to the State Watch Office; authorizing the Division of
9 Emergency Management to establish guidelines a
10 political subdivision must follow to report an
11 incident; requiring the Division of Emergency
12 Management to annually provide the list of reportable
13 incidents to each political subdivision; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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

20 252.351 Mandatory reporting of certain incidents by
21 political subdivisions.-

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

25 (2) The division shall create and maintain a list of
26 reportable incidents. The list shall include, but is not limited
27 to, the following events:

28 (a) Major fires, including wildfires, commercial or multi-
29 unit residential fires, or industrial fires.

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30 (b) Search and rescue operations, including structure
31 collapses or urban search and rescue responses.

32 (c) Bomb threats or threats to inflict harm on a large
33 number of people or significant infrastructure, suspicious
34 devices, or device detonations.

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

37 (e) Public health and population protective actions,
38 including public health hazards, evacuation orders, or emergency
39 shelter openings.

40 (f) Animal or agricultural events, including suspected or
41 confirmed animal diseases, suspected or confirmed agricultural
42 diseases, crop failures, or food supply contamination.

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

45 (h) Nuclear power plant events, including events in process
46 or that have occurred which indicate a potential degradation of
47 the level of safety of the plant or which indicate a security
48 threat to facility protection.

49 (i) Major transportation events, including aircraft or
50 airport incidents, passenger or commercial railroad incidents,
51 major road or bridge closures, or marine incidents involving a
52 blocked navigable channel of a major waterway.

53 (j) Major utility or infrastructure events, including dam
54 failures or overtopping, drinking water facility breaches, or
55 major utility outages or disruptions involving transmission
56 lines or substations.

57 (k) Military events, when information regarding such
58 activities are provided to a political subdivision.

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59 (3) As soon as practicable following its initial response
60 to an incident, a political subdivision shall provide
61 notification to the office that an incident specified on the
62 list of reportable incidents has occurred within its
63 geographical boundaries. The division may establish guidelines
64 specifying the method and format a political subdivision must
65 use when reporting an incident.

66 (4) Beginning December 1, 2020, and by December 1 every
67 year thereafter, the division must provide the list of
68 reportable incidents to each political subdivision.

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