

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  
 14   to read:

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  
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  
50 | involving aircraft or airports, railroad accidents or

51 derailments, major road or bridge closings, and incidents  
52 involving marine vessels that block a navigable channel of a  
53 major waterway.

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

59 (h) Military events, when information regarding such  
60 activity is provided to local officials.

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

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