

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

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

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

18 252.351 Mandatory reporting of certain incidents by
 19 political subdivisions.-

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

23 (2) The office, to aid in its mission of serving as a
 24 clearinghouse for emergency-related information across all
 25 levels of government, 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, and industrial fires.

30 | (b) Search and rescue operations, including structure
31 | collapse or urban search and rescue response.

32 | (c) Bomb threat or threat to inflict harm on a large
33 | number of people or significant infrastructure, a suspicious
34 | device or device detonation.

35 | (d) Natural hazards and severe weather, including
36 | earthquake, landslide, 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 disease, suspected or confirmed agricultural
42 | disease, crop failure, 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
46 | process or that have occurred that indicate a potential
47 | degradation of the level of safety of the plant or that indicate
48 | a security 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 incident involving a
52 blocked navigable channel of a major waterway.

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

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

59 (2) 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 office may establish guidelines
64 specifying the method and format a political subdivision must
65 use when reporting an incident.

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

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