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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 252.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

252.38 Emergency management powers of political subdivisions.—Safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state.



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11 (1) COUNTIES.—

12 (b)1. Each county emergency management agency created and  
13 established pursuant to ss. 252.31-252.90 shall have a director.  
14 The director must meet the following minimum training and  
15 education qualifications:

16 a. A bachelor's degree.

17 b. Six years of verifiable experience in emergency  
18 services, emergency management, emergency planning, law  
19 enforcement, or firefighting services, of which at least 3 years  
20 must be supervisory experience in emergency management,  
21 response, or operations for a county, a municipality, the state,  
22 or the Federal Government.

23 c. A master's degree in emergency preparedness or  
24 management, business or public administration, communications,  
25 finance, homeland security, public health, criminal justice,  
26 meteorology, or environmental science may be substituted for 2  
27 years of experience of those required in sub-subparagraph b. but  
28 not for the required years of supervisory experience.

29 d. Completion of the following National Incident Management  
30 System courses, or equivalent courses established by the Federal  
31 Emergency Management Agency through the Emergency Management  
32 Institute:

33 (I) ICS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System;

34 (II) ICS-200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action  
35 Incidents;

36 (III) IS-700.b: National Incident Management System, An  
37 Introduction;

38 (IV) IS-703.b: NIMS Resource Management; and

39 (V) IS-800.d: National Response Framework, An Introduction.



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41 A valid accreditation as a Certified Master Exercise  
42 Practitioner by the Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
43 Certified Emergency Manager, or Florida Professional Emergency  
44 Manager will satisfy the requirements of this sub-subparagraph.

45 e. A valid driver license. If the license is not a Florida  
46 driver license, the director must obtain a Florida driver  
47 license within 30 days after being appointed as director.

48 ~~2. established in a job description approved by the county.~~

49 The director shall be appointed by the board of county  
50 commissioners or the chief administrative officer of the county,  
51 as described in chapter 125 or the county charter, if  
52 applicable, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing  
53 authority, in conformance with applicable resolutions,  
54 ordinances, and laws.

55 3. A county constitutional officer, or an employee of a  
56 county constitutional officer, may be appointed as director  
57 following prior notification to the division.

58 4. Each board of county commissioners shall promptly inform  
59 the division of the appointment of the director and other  
60 personnel.

61 5. Each director has direct responsibility for the  
62 organization, administration, and operation of the county  
63 emergency management agency. The director shall coordinate  
64 emergency management activities, services, and programs within  
65 the county and shall serve as liaison to the division and other  
66 local emergency management agencies and organizations.

67 Section 2. A county emergency management director who does  
68 not satisfy the training or certification requirements of



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69 section 1 of this act as of July 1, 2024, shall have until June  
70 30, 2026, to complete such requirements.

71 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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74 And the title is amended as follows:

75 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
76 and insert:

77 A bill to be entitled  
78 An act relating to qualifications for county emergency  
79 management directors; amending s. 252.38, F.S.;  
80 requiring county emergency management directors to  
81 meet specified qualifications; requiring such  
82 directors to meet such qualifications by a specified  
83 date; providing an effective date.