

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to qualifications of the director of
 3 the Division of Emergency Management; amending s.
 4 14.2016, F.S.; requiring the director of the Division
 5 of Emergency Management to meet specified
 6 qualifications; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 14.2016, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 14.2016 Division of Emergency Management.—

13 (1) The Division of Emergency Management is established
 14 within the Executive Office of the Governor. The division shall
 15 be a separate budget entity, as provided in the General
 16 Appropriations Act and shall prepare and submit a budget request
 17 in accordance with chapter 216. The division shall be
 18 responsible for all professional, technical, and administrative
 19 support functions necessary to carry out its responsibilities
 20 under part I of chapter 252. The director of the division shall
 21 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and
 22 shall be the head of the division for all purposes. The director
 23 must meet the minimum training and education qualifications
 24 established by division rule. The division shall administer
 25 programs to rapidly apply all available aid to communities

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26 | stricken by an emergency as defined in s. 252.34 and, for this
27 | purpose, shall provide liaison with federal agencies and other
28 | public and private agencies.

29 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.