

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public safety; providing a short
3 title; amending s. 20.201, F.S.; establishing a
4 Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Unit within the
5 Department of Law Enforcement; amending s. 111.09,
6 F.S.; revising the terms "affiliated first responder
7 organization" and "first responder" to include
8 additional personnel in provisions relating to peer
9 support for first responders; creating s. 111.11,
10 F.S.; defining the term "first responder"; prohibiting
11 first responder employment discrimination; providing
12 that prohibited discrimination may be inferred solely
13 from the disparate impact of employment decisions or
14 practices on the members of a group; authorizing civil
15 actions; providing damages, including punitive
16 damages, reasonable attorney fees, and costs;
17 providing for remedies in cases of denied promotion;
18 amending s. 365.171, F.S.; revising legislative intent
19 relating to 911 systems; requiring consolidation of
20 certain 911 systems in counties under the sheriff;
21 authorizing sheriffs to opt out of such consolidation;
22 providing requirements for consolidated systems;
23 requiring the department to negotiate and establish a
24 preferred price list for certain equipment; creating
25 s. 365.1795, F.S.; requiring a 911 call center to

26 | dispatch the closest unit to an emergency regardless
27 | of jurisdiction; requiring an agency to sign a certain
28 | memorandum of understanding by a specified date;
29 | providing requirements for the reimbursement of
30 | certain costs; amending ss. 937.021 and 937.022, F.S.;
31 | revising requirements for the reporting of missing
32 | persons information; creating s. 943.0322, F.S.;
33 | requiring the department to establish and operate a
34 | Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Unit; providing
35 | requirements for such unit; amending s. 943.131, F.S.;
36 | providing an exemption from certain law enforcement
37 | basic training requirements for persons who have
38 | served as intelligence or counterintelligence officers
39 | or agents for a specified time period; providing
40 | requirements for verification of qualifications;
41 | creating s. 943.1714, F.S.; requiring certain basic
42 | skills training in resilience for law enforcement
43 | officers; authorizing first responder amputees to
44 | continue to serve as first responders in certain
45 | circumstances; creating the Florida Medal of Valor and
46 | the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal; providing
47 | requirements for such medals; requiring the department
48 | to study the viability, necessity, and possibility of
49 | creating hurricane-hardened public safety operations
50 | centers; providing requirements for such centers;

51 requiring a report; creating the Florida Department of
 52 Public Safety Consolidation Task Force within the
 53 department for specified purpose; providing for
 54 membership; requiring the task force to prepare and
 55 submit a report to certain persons by a specified
 56 date; requiring the task force to establish a Florida
 57 Department of Public Safety; providing for
 58 administrative support; providing for future repeal;
 59 providing an effective date.

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

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63 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Florida First
 64 Responder and Florida Public Safety Act."

65 **Section 2. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of**
 66 **section 20.201, Florida Statutes, to read:**

67 20.201 Department of Law Enforcement.—

68 (2) The following programs of the Department of Law
 69 Enforcement are established:

70 (e) Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Unit.

71 **Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of**
 72 **section 111.09, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

73 111.09 Peer support for first responders.—

74 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

75 (a) "Affiliated first responder organization" includes,

76 but is not limited to, any of the following organizations:

77 1. Regularly organized volunteer firefighting departments
78 or associations.

79 2. Regularly organized volunteer ambulance services.

80 3. Combination fire departments, as that term is defined
81 in s. 633.135(1).

82 4. An organization of prosecutors.

83 5. An organization of crime scene technicians.

84 (b) "First responder" has the same meaning as provided in
85 s. 112.1815 and includes 911 public safety telecommunicators as
86 defined in s. 401.465, correctional officers as defined in s.
87 943.10(2), ~~and~~ correctional probation officers as defined in s.
88 943.10(3), prosecutors, crime scene technicians, and judges and
89 their clerks who deal with criminal matters.

90 **Section 4. Section 111.11, Florida Statutes, is created to**
91 **read:**

92 111.11 Employment of first responders; discrimination
93 prohibited.-

94 (1) As used in this section, the term "first responder"
95 has the same meaning as in s. 112.1815(1).

96 (2) An employing agency of first responders may not
97 discriminate in hiring, promotion, or any other employment
98 decision or practice on any basis prohibited in s. 760.10,
99 including following any diversity, equity, or inclusion policy
100 or practice, whether formal or informal, that results in such

101 discrimination.

102 (3) (a) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a
103 victim of discrimination prohibited by this section may bring a
104 civil action.

105 (b) In any civil action brought under this section,
106 discrimination prohibited by this section may be inferred solely
107 from the disparate impact of employment decisions or practices
108 on the members of a group.

109 (c) In any civil action brought under this subsection, the
110 court may issue an order prohibiting the discriminatory policy
111 or practice and providing affirmative relief from the effects of
112 the discriminatory policy or practice, including back pay. The
113 court may also award compensatory damages, including, but not
114 limited to, damages for mental anguish, loss of dignity, and any
115 other intangible injuries, and punitive damages. In any civil
116 action brought under this subsection, the court shall award a
117 prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney fees and costs.

118 (d) If an employing agency of first responders is found to
119 have violated subsection (2) in regards to promotion, the
120 individual seeking relief shall be awarded back pay from the
121 date he or she would be paid the higher salary had he or she
122 been promoted. If such an individual cannot be promoted to the
123 position he or she was denied, the court shall order that he or
124 she be paid as if he or she had been promoted to such position
125 while remaining in his or her current position and order that

126 | the individual be promoted to such position at the next
127 | available opportunity.

128 | **Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 365.171, Florida**
129 | **Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (e) and (f) are added to**
130 | **subsection (4) of that section, to read:**

131 | 365.171 Emergency communications state plan.—

132 | (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—It is the intent of the
133 | Legislature that the communications number "911" be the
134 | designated emergency communications number. A public safety
135 | agency may not advertise or otherwise promote the use of any
136 | communications number for emergency response services other than
137 | "911." It is further the intent of the Legislature to implement
138 | and continually update a cohesive statewide emergency
139 | communications plan for enhanced 911 services which will provide
140 | citizens with rapid direct access to public safety agencies by
141 | accessing "911" with the objective of reducing the response time
142 | to situations requiring law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue,
143 | and other emergency services. It is further the intent of the
144 | Legislature to prohibit the transfer of calls between 911 call
145 | centers and to maximize the efficiency of the statewide
146 | emergency communications plan for citizens dialing "911" for
147 | emergency services.

148 | (4) STATE PLAN.—The office shall develop, maintain, and
149 | implement appropriate modifications for a statewide emergency
150 | communications plan. The plan shall provide for:

151 (e)1. A unified 911 system. By July 1, 2029, every county-
152 level first responder agency must be provided 911, emergency
153 call, and dispatch services from a unified 911 call center. A
154 municipality may not opt out of this consolidation. All existing
155 911 operations within a county shall be integrated under the
156 sheriff to create a unified 911 call center and all county-level
157 first responder agencies and jurisdictions must participate in
158 the unified 911 call center in their service area.

159 2.a. A sheriff may opt out of the consolidation
160 requirement in subparagraph 1., in which case the county shall
161 establish a regional 911 call center as provided in subparagraph
162 4. A sheriff may later choose to opt in to the requirement in
163 subparagraph 1. without limitation.

164 b. If a sheriff later chooses to opt in to the requirement
165 in subparagraph 1., he or she must declare his or her
166 willingness to do so by written declaration to every
167 jurisdiction in the county that participates in the unified 911
168 call center and the county's supervisor of elections no later
169 than 6 months before the next regular election. Once the
170 declaration is made, the supervisor of elections shall place the
171 issue on the ballot at the next regular election. The voters
172 shall determine by referendum whether to have the unified 911
173 call center operated by the sheriff.

174 3.a. Each unified 911 call center shall:

175 (I) Establish a single computer-aided dispatching

176 software, regardless of the agency being dispatched.

177 (II) Establish the minimum standard requirements for radio
178 communications within the county to which all agencies must
179 adhere.

180 (III) Establish, maintain, and operate all systems and
181 properties necessary for radio and telephone operations, such as
182 a computer-aided dispatch system, telephony, hardware, and
183 information technology.

184 (IV) Require Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking
185 requirements of each unit within the system to allow computer-
186 aided dispatch and implement closest-unit dispatching
187 requirements.

188 (V) Establish an executive board in each county. The
189 executive board shall consist of three members appointed by the
190 entities they represent as follows: an individual representing
191 the county government, an individual representing police
192 departments, and an individual representing fire rescue
193 services. Each member shall serve a term of 3 years. The
194 executive board shall meet monthly.

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196 If there are multiple jurisdictions within the unified 911 call
197 center, each jurisdiction shall pick the representative to serve
198 the 3-year term and then rotate to the next jurisdiction. The
199 rotational order shall begin with the largest jurisdiction by
200 population, then the next largest jurisdiction by population,

201 and then the smallest jurisdiction by population and continue ad
202 infinitum.

203 (A) A representative of the sheriff's office shall attend
204 each meeting of the executive board and serve as a liaison
205 between the board and the sheriff's office.

206 (B) The executive board may create a nonvoting advisory
207 board that consists of as many members as needed, but only one
208 member from each jurisdiction shall be represented on the
209 nonvoting advisory board.

210 (C) If the center is operated by the sheriff, the
211 executive board shall advise and guide the sheriff on the
212 operation and budget of the center. The executive board must
213 vote to approve the sheriff's budget proposal for the center if
214 the proposal is submitted to the county for consideration.

215 (D) If the center is operated by the sheriff, the
216 executive board may overrule a decision by the sheriff
217 concerning any operation of the center by unanimous vote of all
218 voting members after giving the sheriff 30 days written notice
219 about the matter that specifies the nature of the issue, their
220 written intent to overrule, and an alternative plan for the
221 sheriff's consideration.

222 b. The sheriff shall annually conduct a needs assessment
223 to identify the financial requirements necessary to perform the
224 services required to provide a unified 911 call center,
225 including, but not limited to:

226 (I) Telephony.

227 (II) Radio dispatch.

228 (III) Information technology.

229 c. Counties shall provide total funding for the unified
230 911 call center as determined by the annual needs assessment and
231 as requested by the sheriff but do not have any right or control
232 over the funds or equipment of the center. A unified 911 call
233 center operated by a sheriff may not be included in the
234 sheriff's operational budget but shall serve as a separate line
235 item and fulfillment requirement by the county to the sheriff.
236 The county must be provided funding and each jurisdiction that
237 is provided services under this paragraph must provide pro-rata
238 funding to the county based on its population. Any funding not
239 covered by the 911 fee as requested by the annual needs
240 assessment shall be provided by the participating jurisdictions
241 on a pro-rata basis.

242 d. A sheriff may choose to contract with another county or
243 another county's unified 911 call center to meet the
244 requirements of this section. If a sheriff chooses to contract
245 with another county, the executive board's membership shall
246 increase by two additional voting members. The two additional
247 voting members shall be the contracting sheriff and a
248 representative of the county government of the additional
249 county. All other jurisdictions represented by the contracting
250 sheriff may each appoint a member to the nonvoting advisory

251 board, each of whom has the right to attend and participate in
252 meetings as a nonvoting member.

253 4. If a sheriff opts out of the operation of a unified 911
254 call center, the county shall establish a regional 911 call
255 center. A regional 911 call center may be within one county or
256 among several counties that choose to pool resources. A
257 memorandum of understanding is required between the agencies
258 involved. A regional 911 call center shall be governed by a
259 regional 911 operations board made up of agencies within the
260 participating county or counties.

261 a. Members of the regional 911 operations board shall
262 include the agency head of each law enforcement, fire rescue, or
263 emergency rescue service that operates in the regional 911 call
264 center. Members shall serve 2-year terms. The sheriff of each
265 county in the regional 911 call center shall be a member of the
266 board. In the event that there are an even amount of members,
267 the chair of the board shall rotate between the sheriffs of each
268 participating county and each sheriff shall serve on the board
269 for a period of 2 years.

270 b. The board's operating expenses shall be funded on a
271 pro-rata basis from each participating county.

272 c. The board shall annually conduct a needs assessment to
273 identify the financial requirements necessary to perform the
274 services required to provide a regional 911 call center,
275 including, but not limited to:

276 (I) Telephony.

277 (II) Radio dispatch.

278 (III) Information technology.

279 d. Counties shall provide total funding for the regional
280 911 call center as required and as requested by the regional 911
281 operations board but do not have any right or control over the
282 funds or equipment of the center. Each jurisdiction that is
283 provided services under this subparagraph must provide pro-rata
284 funding to the county or counties based on its population. Any
285 amount not covered by the 911 fee as requested by the annual
286 needs assessment shall be provided by the participating
287 jurisdictions on a pro-rata basis.

288 (f) The Department of Law Enforcement shall negotiate and
289 establish a preferred price list for major equipment used in the
290 operation of unified 911 call centers to maximize cost savings
291 to the state. Unified 911 call centers are encouraged, but not
292 required, to use the preferred price list. The preferred price
293 list shall, at a minimum, include preferred prices for:

294 1. Radios.

295 2. Computer-aided dispatch software.

296 3. Telephone equipment.

297 4. Related software.

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299 The office shall be responsible for the implementation and
300 coordination of such plan. The office shall adopt any necessary

301 rules and schedules related to public agencies for implementing
302 and coordinating the plan, pursuant to chapter 120.

303 **Section 6. Section 365.1795, Florida Statutes, is created**
304 **to read:**

305 365.1795 Dispatch of the closest unit required.—

306 (1) A 911 call center shall dispatch the closest unit to
307 an emergency regardless of jurisdiction.

308 (2) By July 1, 2026, an agency must sign a memorandum of
309 understanding to reflect the requirements of this section and to
310 set standard operating procedures.

311 (3) If an agency responds to an emergency pursuant to the
312 requirements of this section, the agency must be reimbursed
313 quarterly for the cost of the services provided at true cost
314 without markup from the jurisdiction in which the emergency
315 occurred.

316 **Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection**
317 **(4) of section 937.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

318 937.021 Missing child and missing adult reports.—

319 (1) Law enforcement agencies in this state shall adopt
320 written policies that specify the procedures to be used to
321 investigate reports of missing children and missing adults. The
322 policies must ensure that cases involving missing children and
323 adults are investigated promptly using appropriate resources.
324 The policies must include:

325 (c) Standards for maintaining and clearing computer data

326 of information concerning a missing child or missing adult which
327 is stored in the Florida Crime Information Center, the National
328 Crime Information Center, and the National Missing and
329 Unidentified Persons System. The standards must require, at a
330 minimum, a monthly review of each case entered into the Florida
331 Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information
332 Center, an annual review of each case entered into the National
333 Missing and Unidentified Persons System, and a determination of
334 whether the case should be maintained in the databases ~~database~~.

335 (4) (a) Upon the filing of a police report that a child is
336 missing by the parent or guardian, the Department of Children
337 and Families, or a community-based care provider, the law
338 enforcement agency receiving the report shall immediately inform
339 all on-duty law enforcement officers of the missing child
340 report, communicate the report to every other law enforcement
341 agency having jurisdiction in the county, and within 2 hours
342 after receipt of the report, transmit the report for inclusion
343 within the Florida Crime Information Center and ~~the National~~
344 ~~Crime Information Center, and the National Missing and~~
345 ~~Unidentified Persons System~~ databases, and shall, within 90 days
346 after receipt of the report, transmit the report to the National
347 Missing and Unidentified Persons System. A law enforcement
348 agency may not require a reporter to present an order that a
349 child be taken into custody or any other such order before
350 accepting a report that a child is missing.

351 (b) Upon the filing of a credible police report that an
 352 adult is missing, the law enforcement agency receiving the
 353 report shall, within 2 hours after receipt of the report,
 354 transmit the report for inclusion within the Florida Crime
 355 Information Center and the National Crime Information Center,
 356 ~~and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System~~
 357 databases, and shall, within 90 days after receipt of the
 358 report, transmit the report to the National Missing and
 359 Unidentified Persons System.

360 **Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section**
 361 **937.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

362 937.022 Missing Endangered Persons Information
 363 Clearinghouse.—

364 (3) The clearinghouse shall:

365 (b) Provide a centralized file for the exchange of
 366 information on missing endangered persons.

367 1. Every state, county, or municipal law enforcement
 368 agency shall submit to the clearinghouse information concerning
 369 missing endangered persons.

370 2. Any person having knowledge may submit a missing
 371 endangered person report to the clearinghouse concerning a child
 372 or adult younger than 26 years of age whose whereabouts is
 373 unknown, regardless of the circumstances, subsequent to
 374 reporting such child or adult missing to the appropriate law
 375 enforcement agency within the county in which the child or adult

376 became missing, and subsequent to entry by the law enforcement
377 agency of the child or person into the Florida Crime Information
378 Center and, the National Crime Information Center, ~~and the~~
379 ~~National Missing and Unidentified Persons System~~ databases. The
380 missing endangered person report shall be included in the
381 clearinghouse database.

382 3. Only the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction
383 over the case may submit a missing endangered person report to
384 the clearinghouse involving a missing adult age 26 years or
385 older who is suspected by a law enforcement agency of being
386 endangered or the victim of criminal activity.

387 4. Only the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction
388 over the case may make a request to the clearinghouse for the
389 activation of a state Silver Alert or a Purple Alert involving a
390 missing adult if circumstances regarding the disappearance have
391 met the criteria for activation of the Silver Alert Plan or the
392 Purple Alert.

393 **Section 9. Section 943.0322, Florida Statutes, is created**
394 **to read:**

395 943.0322 Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Unit.-

396 (1) The department shall establish and operate a
397 Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Unit consisting of teams
398 located regionally throughout this state whose primary purpose
399 is to proactively address terrorist threats, foreign
400 intelligence collection efforts, and insider threat actors. The

401 unit shall focus on identifying threats, analyzing patterns of
402 life, gathering actionable intelligence, formulating an
403 effective action plan, and executing arrests or revealing the
404 intent of this state to compel a response, thus avoiding
405 protracted investigations. The unit may conduct direct action
406 missions against identifiable threats on its own or join other
407 units to counteract and stop such threats.

408 (2) The Counterterrorism/Counterintelligence Unit shall
409 consist of seven teams, with one team assigned to each Regional
410 Domestic Security Task Force housed at each of the department's
411 regional operations centers.

412 **Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 943.131, Florida**
413 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

414 943.131 Temporary employment or appointment; minimum basic
415 recruit training exemptions.—

416 (2) If an applicant seeks an exemption from completing a
417 commission-approved basic recruit training program, the
418 employing agency, training center, or criminal justice selection
419 center must verify and document that the applicant has:

420 (a) Successfully completed a comparable basic recruit
421 training program for the discipline in which the applicant is
422 seeking certification in another state or for the Federal
423 Government or a previous Florida basic recruit training program.
424 Further, the employing agency, training center, or criminal
425 justice selection center must verify that the applicant has

426 served as a full-time sworn officer in another state or for the
427 Federal Government for at least 1 year provided there is no more
428 than an 8-year break in employment or was a previously certified
429 Florida officer provided there is no more than an 8-year break
430 in employment, as measured from the separation date of the most
431 recent qualifying employment to the time a complete application
432 is submitted for an exemption under this section. The employing
433 agency, training center, or criminal justice selection center
434 shall submit documentation of satisfaction of this requirement
435 to the commission; ~~or~~

436 (b) Served in the special operation forces for a minimum
437 of 5 years, provided there is no more than a 4-year break from
438 the applicant's special operations forces experience, as
439 measured from the separation date from the special operations
440 forces to the time a complete application for an exemption under
441 this subsection is submitted. The employing agency, training
442 center, or criminal justice selection center shall further
443 verify and document the specific training and experience the
444 applicant received during his or her special operations forces
445 service that is relevant to law enforcement. The employing
446 agency, training center, or criminal justice selection center
447 shall submit documentation of satisfaction of these requirements
448 to the commission; or

449 (c) Served as an intelligence or counterintelligence
450 officer or agent for a minimum of 5 years, provided that there

451 is no more than a 4-year break from the applicant's special
452 operations forces experience, as measured from the separation
453 date from the military or federal government to the time a
454 complete application for an exemption under this subsection is
455 submitted. The employing agency, training center, or criminal
456 justice selection center shall further verify and document the
457 specific training and experience the applicant received during
458 his or her intelligence or counterintelligence service that is
459 relevant to law enforcement. The employing agency, training
460 center, or criminal justice selection center shall submit
461 documentation of satisfaction of these requirements to the
462 commission.

463 **Section 11. Section 943.1714, Florida Statutes, is created**
464 **to read:**

465 943.1714 Basic skills training in resilience.—The
466 commission shall establish and maintain standards for basic
467 skills training in resilience for law enforcement officers,
468 including, but not limited to, mental health, sleep,
469 concussions, trauma, chemical and substance exposure and their
470 effects on health, lead exposure from ammunition, exposure to
471 harmful substances from fires, and the effects of exposure to
472 chemicals in protective gear. All basic skills training for law
473 enforcement officers to obtain initial certification must
474 include basic skills training in resilience.

475 **Section 12. First responder amputees.—An individual who is**

476 certified as a first responder, as defined in s. 112.1815(1),
477 Florida Statutes, who has a physical disability resulting from
478 amputation may continue to serve as a first responder if he or
479 she meets the first responder certification requirements without
480 an accommodation.

481 **Section 13.** Florida Medal of Valor and Florida Blue/Red
482 Heart Medal.—

483 (1) (a) There is created the Florida Medal of Valor for
484 first responders, as defined in s. 112.1815(1), Florida
485 Statutes, and related personnel. The medal may only be awarded
486 to a first responder or related personnel who goes above and
487 beyond the call of duty to save the life of an individual.

488 (b) There is created the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal. The
489 medal shall be awarded to a law enforcement officer,
490 firefighter, correctional officer, or correctional probation
491 officer who is injured in the line of duty.

492 (2) The Governor or his or her designee may present the
493 awards. The awards shall be issued and administered through the
494 Department of Law Enforcement. A resident of this state or an
495 employing agency in this state must apply for the Florida Medal
496 of Valor or the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal on behalf of the
497 potential recipient.

498 (3) (a) The application for a medal under this section
499 shall be considered and acted upon by a board charged with the
500 duty of evaluating the appropriateness of an application. The

501 board shall consist of five individuals as follows:

502 1. Three members appointed by the Governor.

503 2. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
504 Representatives.

505 3. One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

506 (b) Members of the board shall serve 2-year terms. Any
507 vacancy on the board must be filled within 3 months. At least
508 three board members must be active, retired, or former law
509 enforcement officers or firefighters.

510 **Section 14.** (1) The Department of Law Enforcement shall
511 conduct a study assessing the viability, necessity, and
512 possibility of creating hurricane-hardened public safety
513 operations centers. By July 1, 2026, the department shall submit
514 a report containing the results of the study to the Governor,
515 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of
516 the Senate, the chair of the Security and Threat Assessment
517 Committee of the House of Representatives, and the chair of the
518 Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic
519 Security of the Senate.

520 (2) The report shall:

521 (a) Address the need for regional backup centers
522 addressing the potential need for hardened space if a county
523 experiences a direct hit from a debilitating weather event or
524 any manmade cataclysmic event that could disable a county's
525 ability to operate emergency services.

526 (b) Identify a minimum of five regional locations to house
527 the regional backup centers.

528 (c) Provide a standardized list of what is housed and what
529 is necessary to be housed at each regional backup center. At a
530 minimum, each regional backup center shall house:

- 531 1. 911 dispatching and call taking.
- 532 2. An emergency operations center.
- 533 3. Worker housing.
- 534 4. Food service facilities.
- 535 5. Information technology.
- 536 6. Backup generator.
- 537 7. A Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF).
- 538 8. Parking capacity for relocating units.

539 (d) Estimate a price for each regional backup center and a
540 total estimated price of the project.

541 (e) Identify alternate uses of the regional backup center
542 in nonemergency settings to co-use the space.

543 (f) Identify a list of potential local, state, and federal
544 tenants.

545 **Section 15.** (1) The Florida Department of Public Safety
546 Consolidation Task Force, a task force as defined in s.
547 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created within the Department of
548 Law Enforcement. The task force shall specify the steps and
549 legislation necessary and provide the cost estimates and
550 timelines required to implement the consolidation of all law

551 enforcement agencies into a Florida Department of Public Safety
552 as outlined in this section. The purpose of the consolidation is
553 to maximize this state's crime fighting ability, intelligence
554 capability, and defensive capacity while increasing government
555 efficiency, consolidating chains of command, increasing
556 communications and coordination, standardizing training, pooling
557 resources, increasing opportunities for officers such as
558 increased salaries and promotions, and better preparing this
559 state through one voice of law enforcement.

560 (2) The task force shall consist of the following members,
561 each of whom must be appointed by July 31, 2025:

562 (a) A senator appointed by the President of the Senate.

563 (b) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
564 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

565 (c) Three representatives of the Department of Law
566 Enforcement appointed by the executive director of the
567 department.

568 (d) A representative of the Division of Florida Highway
569 Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
570 appointed by the executive director of the department.

571 (e) A representative of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
572 Commission appointed by the executive director of the
573 commission.

574 (f) A representative of the Capitol Police appointed by
575 the director of the Capitol Police.

576 (g) A representative of the Governor appointed by the
577 Governor.

578 (3) The task force shall prepare and submit a report by
579 July 1, 2026, to each person who appointed at least one member
580 to the task force as provided in subsection (2).

581 (4) The task force shall establish a Florida Department of
582 Public Safety to be administered by a director appointed by the
583 Governor. The director shall appoint a deputy director and
584 chiefs. The chiefs shall administer the following areas:

585 (a) Administration, including fleet management, human
586 resources, purchasing, federal liaison, professional standards,
587 internal affairs, and communications.

588 (b) Patrol, including the Florida Highway Patrol, which
589 shall maintain its current duties and branding, and the Capitol
590 Police, which shall be dissolved and part of the Florida
591 Department of Public Safety.

592 (c) Investigations, including the intel and fusion center,
593 cyber unit, crime analysts, law enforcement officer shooting
594 investigations, homicide, and narcotics.

595 (d) Investigative Support, including crime labs,
596 forensics, DNA analysis, fingerprinting, and background
597 screening.

598 (e) Special Operations, including Special Weapons and
599 Tactics (SWAT), bomb, dive, drone, and mounted units.

600 (f) Marine and Environmental, including Fish and Wildlife

601 Conservation Commission units.

602 (g) Dignitary Protection, including units assigned to
603 protect the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General.

604 (h) Aviation, including all aviation assets from all
605 agencies.

606 (5) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide
607 administrative support to the task force.

608 (6) This section is repealed upon submission of the task
609 force report under subsection (3).

610 **Section 16.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.