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HB 181—Natural Hazards  
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# Bi-Partisan Support

- HB 181 passed the House 111-1 on March 30<sup>th</sup> and the Senate unanimously on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Governor Scott signed the bill into law on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- The law takes effect on **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

# HB 181—Natural Hazards

CS/HB 181

2017 Legislature

(1) (a) An interagency workgroup is created for the purpose of sharing information on the current and potential impacts of natural hazards throughout the state, coordinating the ongoing efforts of state agencies in addressing the impacts of natural hazards, and collaborating on statewide initiatives to address the impacts of natural hazards. As used in this section, the term "natural hazards" includes, but is not limited to, extreme heat, drought, wildfire, sea-level change, high tides, storm surge, saltwater intrusion, stormwater runoff, flash floods, inland flooding, and coastal flooding.

# HB 181 (Continued)

(b) Each agency within the executive branch of state government, each water management district, and the Florida Public Service Commission shall select from within such agency a person to be designated as the agency liaison to the workgroup.

(c) The director of the Division of Emergency Management or his or her designee shall serve as the liaison to and coordinator of the workgroup.

(d) Each liaison shall provide information from his or her respective agency on the current and potential impacts of natural hazards to his or her agency, agency resources available to mitigate against natural hazards, and efforts made by the agency to address the impacts of natural hazards.

# Natural Hazards Workgroup Liaisons

- Division of Emergency Management
- Business & Professional Regulation
- Children & Families
- Citrus
- Corrections
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Elder Affairs
- Environmental Protection
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Health
- Juvenile Justice
- Lottery
- Management Services
- Military Affairs
- State
- Transportation
- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Northwest Florida WMD
- Suwannee River WMD
- St. John's River WMD
- Southwest Florida WMD
- South Florida WMD
- Public Service Commission

# Outcomes

1. Each executive branch agency, water management district, and the Public Service Commission must designate a singular person within their agency to serve as a **Liaison** on the workgroup.
2. The workgroup is required to **meet** either, in person, or by teleconference **quarterly** to share information, identify opportunities to leverage agency resources, coordinate ongoing efforts, and provide information for an annual progress report.
3. Finally the bill requires the **annual progress report** to be posted on each agency's website, and provided to the Governor, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

# Moving Forward

- **Increased cooperation** amongst stakeholders tasked with planning for Florida's future
- The workgroup will allow state agencies to come out of their silos and **leverage agency resources**
- National **model for smart-government** strategies to address the ever-alarming impacts brought to us by climate change
- Input from planning councils, local and regional governments/agencies and other stakeholders