Proposed law directs the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to promulgate standards and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for an annual emergency preparedness course for the benefit of local officials and members of the legislature prior to January 1, 2023. Proposed law requires the participation of local officials and members of the legislature in this course starting July 1, 2023. Proposed law directs GOHSEP to promulgate standards and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act regarding disbursement of assets and diversion of resources during a federally or gubernatorially declared emergency.

Proposed law provides for the Louisiana Commission on Nonprofit Safety and Security (LCNSS) comprised of the following members, the director of GOHSEP or his designee, the chair of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security (SCHS) or his designee, chair of Senate SCHS or his designee, superintendent of state police or his designee, and the executive director of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference or his designee. Proposed law provides that the commission shall elect a chairman by a vote of a majority of the members.

Proposed law will result in a one-time expenditure of $75,000 SGF in the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to develop an annual emergency preparedness course for elected officials. To implement the proposed law, GOHSEP reports the agency will enter into a one-time consulting services contract for the development of the course. This is a one-time only cost for initial development then GOHSEP will maintain after the completion of the course.

NOTE: GOHSEP would issue a contract for the development of the required annual emergency preparedness course for local officials and members of the legislature. This would include research and analysis of state law, federal regulations, and GOHSEP internal procedures by the Contractor. Additionally, GOHSEP would require development of the course content manual and development of a PowerPoint and web based training course. GOHSEP would absorb all required printing and course delivery cost. The courses will be online and in-person.

Louisiana Municipal Association indicates that if the training mandates in-person attendance, there would be costs associated with travel for each municipal official required to attend.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Proposed Amd.:

HOMELAND SECURITY

Requires the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to adopt certain rules. (8/1/22)