

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 311

2022 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HOMELAND SECURITY. Provides relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. (8/1/22)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Removes provisions requiring GOHSEP to promulgate standards and regulations for an annual emergency preparedness course for the benefit of local officials and members of the legislature prior to Jan. 1, 2023, and removes provisions requiring each local official and member of the legislature to participate in this course beginning July 1, 2023.
2. Adds schools to the formal name of, mission of, and focus of the Louisiana Commission on Nonprofit Safety and Security within GOHSEP.
3. Makes changes to the membership of the commission and the selection of the chairman of the commission.
4. Adds the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security as recipients of the report issued by the commission.
5. Adds eligible schools to the provisions establishing a grant program to defray the cost of security enhancements or measures.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law provides for authority and responsibilities of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

Proposed law requires GOHSEP to promulgate standards and regulations in accordance with the APA regarding disbursement of assets and diversion of resources during a federally or gubernatorially declared emergency prior to Jan. 1, 2023.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Commission on Nonprofit Safety and Security within GOHSEP to study and make recommendations on the security needs of nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks in Louisiana. Proposed law adds schools to the formal name of, mission of, and focus of the commission.

Present law establishes the composition of the commission. Proposed law removes certain members, including the representative from the governor's office, the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, and the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations. Proposed law further requires the member representing the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association to have expertise in terrorist attacks.

Present law provides that the director of GOHSEP or his designee shall serve as the chair of the commission. Proposed law provides that the commission shall elect a chair by a majority vote of the members.

Present law provides that the commission shall issue a report to GOHSEP. Proposed law retains present law and adds the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security as recipients of the report issued by the commission.

Present law establishes a grant program for eligible nonprofit organizations to apply for and receive grants to defray the cost of security enhancements or measures. Proposed law retains present law and adds schools as eligible entities to apply for grant funding. Proposed law further provides that eligible schools include public elementary or secondary schools in a city, parish, or other local public school district or other political subdivision and nonpublic schools approved by BESE.

Effective Aug. 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 29:726.5(A), (B), and (D) and 726.6(A), (B), (C)(1), and (D); adds R.S. 29:726(E)(30) and 726.5(C)(4))

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