

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 117

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT. Creates the Agricultural Meteorology Program.  
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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 3:21, relative to the Agricultural Meteorology Program; to create a program within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide relative to the purpose of the program; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§21. Agricultural Meteorology Program; creation; legislative findings; purpose**

**A. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that federal programs of disaster assistance for the agriculture and forestry industries rely on accurate and timely meteorological data.**

**B. Creation and purpose. There is hereby created the Agricultural Meteorology Program, hereinafter referred to as the "program" within the department. The purpose of the program is to collect and disseminate weather statistics and meteorological data to federal and state agencies, including but not limited to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Louisiana Office of State Climatology.**

1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

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DIGEST

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Proposed law creates the Agricultural Meteorology Program within the department.

Proposed law provides that the legislature finds that federal programs of disaster assistance  
rely on meteorological data.

Proposed law provides that the purpose of the program is to collect and transmit weather  
statistics and meteorological data to federal and state agencies.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 3:21)