



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Proposed law directs the assistant deputy director of interoperability to initiate, through the notice process provided by R.S. 49:953.1, the promulgation of administrative rules on or before 8/1/22. Proposed law adds "training" to present law that directs GOHSEP to employ or otherwise secure the services of professional and technical personnel capable of providing expert "**training and**" assistance to political subdivisions, their homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies, and interjurisdictional planning and homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies. Proposed law provides for the establishment of a mandatory number of full-time employees in each parish office of homeland security and emergency preparedness based on a specific criteria. Proposed law provides that the proposed post-disaster response and recovery component shall include an official state emergency management software system which shall be accessible to all 64 parishes, state and federal agencies, and approved non-governmental emergency management partners to monitor and manage activities before, during, and after an emergency or disaster. The system shall have certain capabilities no later than 8/1/22. Proposed law provides for the implementation of a mandatory disaster preparation and recovery training program to be completed by every parish president, mayor, and local official before June 1st annually; however, the first year of training shall be no later than 9/1/22.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase expenditures for GOHSEP to implement provisions outlined in this bill. The agency reports that it requires 15 T.O. positions and funding by fiscal years as follows: \$1.9 M in FY 23, \$1.3 M in FY 24, \$1.4 M in FY 25, and \$1.4 M in FY 27. The details of these costs are below:

	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>	<u>FY 26</u>	<u>FY 27</u>
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,267,195	\$1,299,508	\$1,332,791	\$1,367,072	\$1,402,381
OPERATING SERVICES/SUPPLY	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$625,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
IAT	\$22,950	\$22,950	\$22,950	\$22,950	\$22,950
TOTAL	\$1,924,145	\$1,331,458	\$1,364,741	\$1,399,022	\$1,434,331

PERSONNEL	<u>FY 23</u>	<u>FY 24</u>	<u>FY 25</u>	<u>FY 26</u>	<u>FY 27</u>
(By Classification)	No. Pos.	No. Pos.	No. Pos.	No. Pos.	No. Pos.
Manager (Salary - \$64,944)	3	3	3	3	3
Planning Specialist (Salary - \$54,890)	3	3	3	3	3
Trainer Officer (Salary - \$54,890)	3	3	3	3	3
Procurement Specialist (Salary \$40,000)	6	6	6	6	6
TOTAL	15	15	15	15	15

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) cannot corroborate the needs reported by GOHSEP. GOHSEP has expressed that while many of the functions exist, they do not have the levels of staff support outlined in this bill.

NOTE: GOHSEP has expressed the following to the LFO - due to the significant reduction in GOHSEP TO positions (down from 167 at the highest to 52 at the lowest) and general funded positions, many reorganizations have occurred through various Directors. GOHSEP has the minimal staff required to provide basic planning and training to staff, state, and local stakeholders. Any increased responsibilities will require both personnel and funding.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		

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The information below explains in greater detail the specific role of each position and the funding for contractors.

- Manager, Preparedness (1) \$64,944 Oversee new section to implement requirements in proposed law
Planning Specialist \$54,890 Support plan reviews, technical assistance and site visits-Region 1, 3, 9
Planning Specialist \$54,890 Support plan reviews, technical assistance and site visits-Region 2, 4, 5
Planning Specialist \$54,890 Support plan reviews, technical assistance and site visits-Region 6, 7, 8
Trainer Officer \$54,890 Support training development and course delivery-Region 1, 3, 9
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Contractor \$275,000 - Development of comprehensive disaster preparation and recovery training program
Contractor \$100,000 WebEOC reconfiguration by software developer to meet requirements of the bill
Manager, Procurement (1) \$64,944 Establishment of procurement section within GOHSEP to implement bill requirements.
Procurement Specialist (6) \$240,000 Procurement specialist to handle all procurement of the agency due to bill requirements,
Manager, Temporary Housing & Shelter Assistance (1) \$64,944 Manager of temporary housing and shelter assistance program
Contractor-development of program \$250,000 - Development of comprehensive temporary housing and shelter assistance program

Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)

The LMA reports that the proposed law creates an unfunded mandate for municipalities that it is unable to calculate. Travel costs to in-person meetings for training was the primary concern provided to the LFO. However, if virtual training was provided, the LMA reports that it will diminish the cost.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures for parishes to hire the mandatory number of full-time employees in its parish office of homeland security and emergency preparedness. The mandatory numbers of full-time employees are:

- Two (2) full-time employees if the parish population is under 50,000 people.
- Three (3) full-time employees if the parish population is over 50,000 people but no more than 149,000 people.
- Four (4) full-time employees if the parish population is at least 150,000 or more people.

NOTE: To the extent the respective parishes do not have the established mandatory number of employees per the proposed law, it may increase expenditures to hire additional staff.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
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