

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HOMELAND SECURITY: Provides relative to the creation of a statewide planning and mapping system for public buildings

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 29:726.3, relative to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency
3 Assistance and Disaster Act; to provide for the development, operation, and
4 maintenance of a critical incident planning and mapping system; to provide for
5 responsibilities of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
6 Preparedness; to require that certain entities provide critical information to be
7 included in the system; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 29:726.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §726.3. Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System

11 A. To the extent that sufficient funds are appropriated to implement the
12 provisions of this Section, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and
13 Emergency Preparedness shall develop, operate, and maintain a statewide critical
14 incident planning and mapping system for all public buildings in this state to assist
15 first responders when responding to a disaster or emergency.

16 B. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
17 Preparedness shall create, develop, or acquire a computer system and software that
18 has the capability to do the following:

19 (1) Store critical information as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

1 (2) Provide access to the critical information contained in the system to all
2 first responders.

3 C.(1) To the extent that sufficient funds are available to implement the
4 provisions of this Section, the office of facility planning and control, division of
5 administration, the governing authority of each local governmental subdivision, and
6 the superintendent of each local school district shall provide to the Governor's Office
7 of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for inclusion in the system the
8 following critical information for all public buildings located in this state:

9 (a) Building floor plans.

10 (b) Evacuation plans and other fire protection information relative to each
11 state building.

12 (c) Any known hazards associated with the building.

13 (2) The information required by the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this
14 Subsection shall be available to first responders to assist in the determination of the
15 best approach when responding to an emergency or disaster, including but not
16 limited to the determination of evacuation routes and strategies for evacuation,
17 alarms and other signals or means of notification, plans for sheltering in place, and
18 training and strategies for the prevention of attacks involving violence.

19 D. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
20 Preparedness shall adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act
21 to implement the provisions of this Section. The rules shall provide for the
22 following:

23 (1) The manner by which the critical information required by the provisions
24 of Subsection C of this Section shall be transferred to the system from the office of
25 facility planning and control, division of administration, the governing authority of
26 local governmental subdivisions, and school superintendents.

27 (2) The format by which those entities shall transfer critical information for
28 inclusion in the system.

1 (3) The standards and conditions for the use of the system by first
2 responders.

3 (4) The guidelines for the accessibility and confidentiality of information
4 contained within the system.

5 (5) A list of the priorities for the distribution of any funds which may be
6 available to the entities eligible to participate in the system.

7 (6) The guidelines for the training of persons on how to utilize the system.

8 E. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
9 Preparedness shall take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to secure
10 private, state, federal, or other public funds for the development, operation, and
11 maintenance of the statewide critical incident mapping and planning system. The
12 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness may accept
13 gifts, grants, and other contributions for the development, operation, and
14 maintenance of the system.

15 F. Beginning on the first day of October 2011, the Governor's Office of
16 Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall provide to the legislature an
17 annual report setting forth the progress of developing, operating, and maintaining the
18 system.

19 G. For purposes of this Section:

20 (1) "Political subdivision" means any parish, city, town, village, special
21 district, or school district.

22 (2) "Public building" means any building used or owned by the state or any
23 political subdivision of the state and shall include any building used by any public
24 elementary and secondary school, college, or university.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the creation of a statewide planning and mapping system for public buildings to assist first responders in a disaster or emergency.

Proposed law requires the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to create a statewide critical incident planning and mapping system for all public buildings in this state to assist first responders when responding to a disaster or emergency. Requires GOHSEP to acquire a computer system and software that has the capability of storing critical information required by proposed law and grant access to that information to all first responders.

Proposed law requires that certain entities provide critical information to GOHSEP for inclusion in the system and provides for the use of critical information by first responders.

Proposed law requires GOHSEP to adopt rules in accordance with the APA to implement proposed law and provides that proposed law is contingent upon the appropriation of funds.

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

(Adds R.S. 29:726.3)