

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.

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§726.3. Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System

A. To the extent that sufficient funds are appropriated to implement the provisions of this Section, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall develop, operate, and maintain 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.

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

(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, and the Recovery School District,  
7                   shall provide available information for public buildings located in this state to the  
8                   Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for inclusion  
9                   in the system. The available information should include the following critical  
10                  information for public buildings located in this state:

11                  (a) Building floor plans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21                  G. For purposes of this Section:

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

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

27                  Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
28                  signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
29                  by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_