

Regular Session, 2011

ACT No. 345

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

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

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, 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.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____