
DIGEST

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HB No. 212

Abstract: Authorizes the creation of a statewide planning and mapping system for nonpublic schools, proprietary schools, and nonpublic colleges and universities to assist first responders in a disaster or emergency.

Present 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 present law and to grant access to that information to all first responders.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the inclusion of nonpublic schools, proprietary schools, and nonpublic colleges and universities to the statewide planning and mapping system.

Proposed law requires that each nonpublic school, proprietary school, and nonpublic college or university provide critical information for their buildings located in this state to their local parish office of emergency preparedness, to be uploaded to the Virtual La. System for inclusion in the system by GOHSEP, and further 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.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

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

(Amends R.S. 29:726.3(A), (C)(2), and (D)(1); Adds R.S. 29:726.3(C)(3) and (G)(3), (4), and (5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Provided for the definition of "known hazards" to include any hazard which might compromise the physical structure of the building or its occupants creating an emergency situation requiring a response from certain first responder organizations.

Further provided that the hazards should be made known to first responders in certain incidents.