

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 223****2015 Regular Session****Hodges**

SUNSET LAW: Re-creates the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and all statutory entities made a part of the department by law

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Technical amendment to add a provision of current law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (Sunset) provides that the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and all the statutory entities made a part of that department by law shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2014, and that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2015, unless the legislature enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of GOHSEP and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2015, in accordance with the "sunset law". Proposed law supersedes the provisions of the "sunset law" which set out the procedure for review and re-creation and which require a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity with the department along with additional provisions, including ratification and authorization of any acts taken by GOHSEP on or after June 30, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Proposed law makes July 1, 2019, the new termination date and provides that termination will begin July 1, 2018, unless the department is re-created again.

Effective June 30, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(8)(m) and (9); Repeals R.S. 49:191(5)(k)and (10))