



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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Subject: Emergency Preparedness		

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RE +\$1,044,695 SD EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Proposed law creates the Emergency Communications Interoperability Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. Proposed law provides that by setting a deadline of no later than August 1, 2022 for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to do the following: (1) to ensure that the official state emergency management software system is accessible to all 64 parishes, state and federal agencies, and approved non-governmental emergency management partners to monitor and manage activities before, during and after an emergency or disaster, including the capability for GOHSEP update the status of all request for resources and services continuously and make the information simultaneously available to all users, (2) develop an emergency management training program for local officials and employees with the training program containing specific components, (3) to coordinate with the office of state procurement, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, the Department of Transportation and Development, and the Military Department a specific report to submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) and House and Senate select committees on homeland security (HSSCHC), (4) to develop a specific program to provide additional funding and resources for temporary housing and shelter assistance to parish governing authorities during the first 14 days following

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EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$1,044,695	\$276,454	\$283,415	\$290,585	\$297,970	\$2,193,119
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$1,044,695	\$276,454	\$283,415	\$290,585	\$297,970	\$2,193,119

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in expenditures for GOHSEP to implement provisions outlined in this bill. The agency reports that it requires 3 T.O. positions and funding by fiscal years as follows: \$1,044,695 in FY 23, \$276,454 in FY 24, \$283,415 in FY 25, \$290,585 in FY 26 and \$297,970 M in FY 27. The details of these costs are below:

	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
Salaries	\$159,834	\$164,629	\$169,568	\$174,655	\$179,895
Retirement	\$63,134	\$65,028	\$66,979	\$68,989	\$71,058
Medicare	\$2,318	\$2,387	\$2,459	\$2,532	\$2,608
Group Insurance	\$38,019	\$38,019	\$38,019	\$38,019	\$38,019
Operating Services	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
Supplies	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
Professional Services	\$775,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Telephones	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$1,008
Miscellaneous (IT Related)	\$3,582	\$3,582	\$3,582	\$3,582	\$3,582
TOTAL	\$1,044,695	\$276,454	\$283,415	\$290,585	\$297,970

PERSONNEL	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
(By Classification)	No. Pos.				
Manager (Salary - \$64,944)	1	1	1	1	1
Trainer Officer (Salary - \$54,890)	1	1	1	1	1
Procurement Specialist (Salary \$40,000)	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
TOTAL	3	3	3	3	3

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) cannot corroborate the needs reported by GOHSEP. GOHSEP has expressed that while many of the functions exist, they do not have the levels of staff support outlined in this bill.

NOTE: GOHSEP has expressed the following to the LFO - due to the significant reduction in GOHSEP TO positions (down from 167 at the highest to 52 at the lowest) and general funded positions, many reorganizations have occurred through various Directors. GOHSEP has the minimal staff required to provide basic planning and training to staff, state, and local stakeholders. Any increased responsibilities will require both personnel and funding.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law creates the Emergency Communications Interoperability Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. Monies in the fund shall be used to provide funding for alternatives to the Louisiana Wireless Information Network as provided in the plan submitted pursuant to R.S. 29:725(K)(4) and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. **NOTE:** House Bill 406 directs the state treasurer to deposit \$6,867,514 from the State General Fund (Direct) to the Emergency Communications Interoperability Fund, contingent upon the Act that originated as House Bill No. 1070 of this 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature becoming law.

Senate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	
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a presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency. Proposed law provides that GOHSEP shall enter into prepositioned contracts for temporary housing and shelter and professional services for disaster recovery, grant management, and administration for the program. Proposed law provides that GOHSEP shall prioritize post-disaster delivery time when letting the contracts. Proposed law provides that parish governing authorities shall be eligible for participation in the program if all of certain conditions are met.

Proposed law provides that GOHSEP shall develop a process for parishes and municipalities to submit a waiver certification or opt out of the program through the state emergency management software system. Parishes and municipalities shall be given the opportunity to change the selection regarding the waiver each year.

Proposed law provides that GOHSEP shall submit a specific annual report to JLCB and HSSCHC no later than August 1st annually that includes such items all prepositioned contracts entered into.

Proposed law provides that the parish president shall designate any parish or municipal employees the director deems necessary on a full-time basis for emergency preparedness and disaster response in the parish. Proposed law provides that the director shall ensure the employees designated pursuant to proposed law and any elected official deemed necessary by the director receive annual emergency management training provided for in R.S. 29:726(F)(2).

Proposed law provides that the assistant deputy director of interoperability shall work in conjunction with the interoperability subcommittee of the Unified Command Group to develop a plan for alternatives to the Louisiana Wireless Information Network. The plan shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget no later than March 1, 2023.

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The Professional Services funding of \$775,000 provides for the following:

- Contractor \$275,000 - Development of comprehensive disaster preparation and recovery training program
- Conduct research of state, local and federal requirements
- Course delivery would be in person and web-based
Contractor \$250,000 - (Development of Program)
Development of comprehensive temporary housing and shelter assistance program
- Conduct research of state, local and federal capabilities and resources
- Ensure program complies with state, local and federal requirements
Contractor \$100,000 - WebEOC reconfiguration by software developer to meet requirements of the bill
Contractor \$150,000 - Develop a report/plan for alternatives to the LA Wireless Information Network by 03/01/2023.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
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[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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