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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EN +\$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 provides that the office of interoperability shall be headed by an assistant deputy director of interoperability who shall be in the unclassified service and may delegate authority to such designees or to any governmental body as he may deem appropriate within the limitations of state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. 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, implement, and maintain a secure interagency communication across jurisdictional and geographic boundaries to enable end users to access authorized information when and how they need it as identified in the statewide interoperability plan and statewide communications interoperability plan for first responders. This bill requires annual reporting to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> on updates made to the Louisiana Wireless Information Network system and resiliency and redundancy plans for the system. Proposed law sets a deadline of on or before August 1, 2022 for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to do the following:

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EXPENDITURES	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$1,044,695</b>	<b>\$276,454</b>	<b>\$283,415</b>	<b>\$290,585</b>	<b>\$297,970</b>	<b>\$2,193,119</b>

  

REVENUES	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**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:

	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 24</b>	<b>FY 25</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>
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)	<u>\$3,582</u>	<u>\$3,582</u>	<u>\$3,582</u>	<u>\$3,582</u>	<u>\$3,582</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,044,695</b>	<b>\$276,454</b>	<b>\$283,415</b>	<b>\$290,585</b>	<b>\$297,970</b>

PERSONNEL (By Classification)	<b>FY 23</b>	<b>FY 24</b>	<b>FY 25</b>	<b>FY 26</b>	<b>FY 27</b>
	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)	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

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.

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO**

**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 the Louisiana Wireless Information Network. **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 Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
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(1) to ensure that the official state emergency management software system is accessible to all 64 parishes to monitor and manage activities before, during and after an emergency or disaster, is accessible to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, and the chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security for the purpose of viewing the status of requests for resources and services, has the capability for GOHSEP to update the status of all requests for resources and services continuously and make the information simultaneously available to all users, and sends automatic notifications to the requesting parish when the status of a request changes.

(2) develop a specific emergency management training program for local officials and employees with the training program containing certain components. GOHSEP shall provide specific training to all members of the legislature at the beginning of each legislative term and provide additional training as requested by the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security, or the chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security,

(3) to develop a specific program to provide additional funding and resources for temporary housing and shelter assistance to parish governing authorities within the first 14 days of a presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency. GOHSEP shall prioritize implementation of the program based on the projected level of impact. 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 on or before July 15th that includes all prepositioned contracts entered into pursuant to proposed law.

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).

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

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 the LA Wireless Information Network

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