

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to
Original House Bill No. 274 by Representative Owen

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 2 delete "(G)(1)" and on line 3, delete "and (K)(1) and (2)" and
insert "and (H),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "director;" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of
line 7 delete "of the office of interoperability;" and insert "to provide for the powers, duties,
and authority of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 9, delete "(G)(1) and" and at the beginning of line 10, delete "(K)(1) and (2)"
and insert "and (H),"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, delete lines 7 through 16 and insert the following:

"B. The governor shall designate the Governor's Office of Homeland
Security and Emergency Preparedness within the Military Department as the state
homeland security and emergency preparedness agency. ~~The office shall be an
independent agency in the office of the governor and, through its director, shall
report directly to the governor.~~ The office shall have authority for and shall be
responsible for its own accounting and budget control, procurement and contract
management, personnel management, and grants management and shall carry out
these functions ~~either directly or through authorized assignment to another state
agency or department.~~ The office through the Military Department, which shall have
authority to enter into contracts and agreements necessary in carrying out ~~its~~ the
office's functions and responsibilities."

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, line 28, after "director" delete the remainder of the line and insert "shall employ
a deputy director and may employ additional"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 4, delete lines 6 through 29 and on page 5, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert the
following:

"H. The director, subject to the direction and control of the governor, acting
through the adjutant general, shall be the executive head of the state homeland
security and emergency preparedness agency and as such shall be responsible ~~to the~~
~~governor~~ for carrying out the programs for homeland security and emergency
preparedness for the state of Louisiana. For actions related to a gubernatorially
declared disaster or emergency, the agency and director shall report to the governor
or a person designated by the governor for that purpose. He shall coordinate the
activities of all agencies and organizations for homeland security and emergency
preparedness within the state and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with
homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies and organizations of other

1 states and of the federal government. He shall coordinate public-private sector
2 relationships in order to meet the needs of an emergency or disaster pursuant to R.S.
3 29:726. All state agencies and departments shall comply with directives from the
4 Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness relating to
5 emergency planning and operations. He shall coordinate the implementation of the
6 Emergency Management Assistance Compact pursuant to R.S. 29:733. The
7 provisions of this Subsection shall not supersede the powers, duties, or authority of
8 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.
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