

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 262 (HB 274)**

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Existing law (R.S. 29:725) establishes and provides for the purpose and functions of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP).

Prior law (R.S. 36:4(B)(3)) placed GOHSEP within the office of the governor.

New law places GOHSEP within the Military Dept.

Existing law (R.S. 36:4(B)(7)) places the Military Dept. within the office of the governor.

Prior law provided that the director of GOHSEP would be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation. Provided that the director's salary would be fixed by the governor, not to exceed the amount approved for the position by the legislature.

New law provides that the director of GOHSEP shall be employed by and report directly to the adjutant general who shall fix the salary of the director.

Prior law provided that the director of GOHSEP could appoint assistant deputy directors as would be necessary to carry out the functions of the office.

New law provides that the director of GOHSEP shall employ, instead of appoint, a deputy director, and may employ additional deputies and assistants.

Prior law provided that the director of GOHSEP was subject to the direction and control of the governor and was responsible for carrying out the programs for homeland security and emergency preparedness for the state.

New law instead provides that the director is subject to the direction and control of the governor, acting through the adjutant general, and further provides that 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.

New law further provides that existing law and new law shall not supersede the powers, duties, or authority of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 29:1(B), 722(A)(1), 724(B)(3), 725(A), (B), (C)(1), (E), and (H), and 726(A) and R.S. 36:4(B)(7); Repeals R.S. 36:4(B)(3))