
DIGEST

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Barrow

HB No. 1222

Abstract: Requires the commissioner of administration to issue reports on the reallocation of community development block grant funds (CDBG) for hurricane recovery programs.

Present law requires each state agency and political subdivision of the state to report their plans for participation in any new or existing program supported by any assistance from any federal agency to the division of administration (division). Further requires the division to submit all state plan applications to the governor for review and comment.

Present law requires the division to administer the CDBG program. Further requires the division to be responsible for local and regional governmental training programs, technical assistance to local and regional governments and authorities, and programs relating to planning and research for state and local governments.

Present law requires each state agency and political subdivision to report any information concerning final action on applications taken by federal agency rejections, amendments, deferments, or withdrawals to the division within seven working days of receipt of notification of the action.

Present law creates and establishes a federal review section in the division in the office of the governor. Requires the commissioner of administration to appoint an assistant commissioner for federal review to serve as an assistant to the commissioner on matters related to federal grant programs. Provides further with respect to the functions of the federal review section.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the commissioner of administration, relative to the state action plan that provides for the allocation of CDBG funds received from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development by the office of community development, disaster recovery unit, for hurricane recovery programs, to submit a report to the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs on each amendment to the plan that provides for the reallocation of funds. Further requires that a report be submitted within 30 calendar days after the adoption of each amendment.

(Adds R.S. 49:666)