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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING ESSENTIAL PLANNING FOR
CATASTROPHIC EVENTS IMPACTING THE STATE AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of
2 Administrative Services, within available appropriations, shall
3 establish a program to ensure business continuation for the state in the
4 event of a catastrophic event that impacts the state workforce or critical
5 state operations. Such program shall include, but not be limited to,
6 ongoing planning to address situations in which some or all of the
7 state workforce is unable to report to work and training of state
8 employees on such program. The commissioner shall submit a report
9 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
10 cognizance of matters relating to government administration, not later
11 than February 1, 2008, which details such program.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) In accordance with the provisions of

13 section 11-4a of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Motor
 14 Vehicles, in consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative
 15 Services, the Chief Information Officer and experts in civil liberties,
 16 shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General
 17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
 18 administration and motor vehicles concerning the requisite procedures
 19 for implementation of the federal Real ID Act of 2005. Such report shall
 20 include, but not be limited to, a description of the impact of said act on
 21 the following areas: (1) The state budget, (2) state personnel, (3) the
 22 ability of one department of the state to interact with another
 23 department of the state, (4) the effect of failing to comply with the act,
 24 and (5) civil liberties. Such report shall be submitted to said
 25 committees not later than September 15, 2007.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Dept. of Administrative Services	GF - Cost	100,000	100,000
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to establish a program, within available appropriations, to ensure that the state’s business continues during a catastrophic event affecting its workforce or critical operations.

It is estimated that DAS will need \$100,000 to establish a catastrophic event planning program. The \$100,000 is needed for: training and practice exercises for catastrophe event management teams, hiring experts to design simulation exercises, creating educational materials for state employees, and attending national and regional conferences on catastrophic event planning.

Should no appropriation be included within the enacted FY 08-09 Biennial Budget for the catastrophic event planning program, the requirement that associated costs be accommodated within available appropriations will likely result in one of four outcomes: (1) DAS will proceed, and will require a deficiency appropriation; (2) DAS will delay the catastrophic event planning program pending the approval of additional appropriations; (3) DAS will shift resources from other departmental priorities, thereby impacting existing departmental programs; or (4) DAS will be unable to proceed.

There is a cost to the Department of Motor Vehicles anticipated to

be between \$250,000 to \$300,000 to report on the impact of the Federal REAL ID Act to the General Assembly no later than September 15, 2007. The agency will require hiring two durational staff and at least one expert in civil liberties to produce the report by September 15, 2007.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1124*****AN ACT CONCERNING ESSENTIAL PLANNING FOR
CATASTROPHIC EVENTS IMPACTING THE STATE AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner to establish a program to ensure the state's functionality during a catastrophic event and report to the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee on its details. In addition, it requires certain agency heads and experts to report to the GAE and Transportation Committees on implementing the 2005 federal Real ID Act (see BACKGROUND).

EFFECTIVE DATE: The provision establishing the program is effective July 1, 2007 and the provision requiring a Real ID report is effective upon passage.

PREPARATION FOR CATASTROPHIC EVENTS

The DAS commissioner must establish a program, within available appropriations, to ensure that the state's business continues during a catastrophic event affecting its workforce or critical operations. The program must include (1) ongoing planning to address situations when some or all of the workforce is unable to report for duty and (2) training for state employees. The bill requires the commissioner to submit a report to the GAE Committee by February 1, 2008 detailing the program.

REAL ID ACT REPORT

The Department of Motor Vehicles commissioner, in consultation with the DAS commissioner, the Department of Information Technology's chief information officer, and experts in civil liberties must submit to the GAE and Transportation Committees a report by September 15, 2007 on the procedures required for implementing the

federal Real ID Act. At a minimum, it must describe the act's impact on (1) the state budget, (2) state personnel, (3) the ability of state departments to interact, and (4) civil liberties. It must also describe the consequences for noncompliance.

BACKGROUND

Read ID Act

The 2005 Real ID Act (Title II of P.L. 109-13) establishes certain standards, procedures, and requirements that states must meet by May 11, 2008 for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards to be accepted as valid identification for federally regulated activities such as air travel and accessing federal facilities. It establishes (1) minimum items of information and features that must be on licenses and (2) procedures state agencies must follow to verify the issuance, validity, and completeness of identification documents before issuing a license. It also prohibits an agency from accepting any foreign document other than an official passport.

With regard to the deadline, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) secretary has the authority under the implementing regulations to grant extensions through December 31, 2009. States must make extension requests by February 1, 2008, but they have been asked to inform DHS of their intention to do so by October 1, 2007. A state that receives an extension must, within six months, submit a plan detailing how it will meet the law's requirements and begin issuing compliant licenses and identification cards no later than January 1, 2010. All licenses and identification cards must be compliant by May 10, 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/26/2007)