



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 808

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1124

Senate, May 9, 2007

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th 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.***

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.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section
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TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 \$
Department of Administrative Services	GF - Cost	100,000	None

Note: 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 require \$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.

The Out Years

It is anticipated that the \$100,000 cost to establish a catastrophic event planning program will be a one-time cost.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1124*****AN ACT CONCERNING ESSENTIAL PLANNING FOR
CATASTROPHIC EVENTS IMPACTING THE STATE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner to establish a program, within available appropriations, to ensure the state's business continues in the wake of 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 commissioner must submit a report detailing the program to the Government Administration and Elections Committee by February 1, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 442) to the Transportation Committee, which reported a substitute eliminating a provision that required a report on the implementation of the 2005 federal Real ID Act.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/26/2007)

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (04/27/2007)