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Senate Bill No. 481

Senate, March 31, 2015

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. MAYNARD of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCIDENT RESPONSE
PLAN.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) On or before January 1, 2016,
2 and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation, in
3 cooperation with the Commissioners of Emergency Services and Public
4 Protection and Energy and Environmental Protection, shall report, in
5 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
6 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
7 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, public safety and
8 environment, on the development and implementation of an enhanced
9 accident response plan. Such report shall include, but need not be
10 limited to, a description of (1) existing programs and policies
11 regarding the state's accident response plan, (2) ongoing steps being
12 taken to implement such programs and policies throughout the state,
13 (3) interagency initiatives to ensure a prompt, coordinated and efficient
14 response to accidents or other traffic incidents, (4) outreach efforts to

15 include in such programs and policies other individuals and groups
16 critical to the state's plan for responding to accidents or traffic
17 incidents, (5) any federal programs designed to improve accident or
18 traffic incident response, including the availability of federal funding
19 for implementation of such programs, and (6) the goals set for the
20 coming year in improving the accident response plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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TRA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact associated with requiring the Department of Transportation to study and report on a state enhanced accident response plan.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 481*****AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN.*****SUMMARY:**

Starting by January 1, 2016, this bill requires the commissioners of transportation, emergency services and public protection, and energy and environmental protection to report annually to the Transportation, Public Safety, and Environment committees on the development and implementation of an enhanced accident response plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

ENHANCED ACCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

The report must include at least a description of:

1. state accident response plan programs and policies;
2. steps being taken to implement these programs and policies;
3. interagency initiatives to ensure a prompt, coordinated, and efficient response to accidents or other traffic incidents;
4. efforts to include other individuals and groups critical to the plan;
5. any federal programs to improve accident or traffic incident response, including the availability of federal funding to implement them; and
6. the goals to improve the plan for the coming year.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/18/2015)