OLR Bill Analysis
HB 6570

AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY AND SECURITY IN NONGOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), by January 1, 2020, to develop standards to assist in developing security and safety plans for nongovernmental buildings and structures open to the public that may be potential targets of mass violence (e.g., places of worship).

Under the bill, by January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, DESPP must submit the security and safety plan standards and any recommendations for legislation to the Public Safety and Security Committee. DESPP must also (1) make the standards available to local officials and owners and occupants of nongovernmental buildings and structures and (2) provide advice and technical assistance on safety and security planning to such owners and occupants when requested, within available resources.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

SECURITY AND SAFETY PLAN STANDARDS

Under the bill, the standards must provide an all-hazards approach to emergencies and include requirements for:

1. local official involvement, including the municipality’s chief executive officer, law enforcement, fire, public health, emergency management, and emergency medical services personnel, in developing the plan;

2. the establishment of (a) an incident command system based on the federal National Incident Management System and a description of the responsibilities within the system, (b) a
security and safety committee, and (c) procedures for managing various emergency types; and

3. crisis management procedures;

4. local law enforcement and other local public safety officials to evaluate, score, and provide feedback on fire drills and crisis response drills conducted according to a plan;

5. security and vulnerability assessments every two years and plan amendments based on the assessments’ results; and

6. orientations for employees working at a building or structure on such plan and any violence prevention training such plan prescribes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 24  Nay 0  (03/19/2019)