Bill No.: HB-6958
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EXERCISES ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE.
Vote Date: 3/19/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/14/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Public Safety & Security Committee
Rep. Carol Hall, 59th Dist.
Rep. Craig C. Fishbein, 90th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:
In the instance of major emergencies, this bill would ensure that state and local first responders have a coordinated and well-rehearsed response team. The bill would require the training for first responders to be on a regional basis. These trainings would be conducted at least once every two years.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None expressed for H.B. 6958

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Holly Cheeseman, State Representative, (37th District)
Representative Cheeseman testified on the importance of first responders having frequent emergency response training. She emphasized the significance of having an experienced emergency response team. In her testimony, she highlighted Dominion Energy. The organization conducts a similar training in accordance with state, local, and federal employees five to six times a year.
NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None was expressed for H.B. 6958

Reported by: Nicoletta Blevins, Assistant Clerk      Date: 3/20/2019