

CHAPTER 55

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL 10-1080

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also SENATOR(S) Sandoval, Gibbs, Spence.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY EPIDEMIC RESPONSE COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE PREPARATION FOR DISASTER EMERGENCIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CHANGING THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE AND ALLOWING THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 2-3-1501, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

2-3-1501. Legislative declaration. The general assembly hereby finds and determines that in the event of an emergency epidemic OR DISASTER in the state, the general assembly must be prepared to respond to the emergency EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER and have a plan for ensuring the continuation of its operations in order to assist in the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

SECTION 2. 2-3-1502 (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 2-3-1502 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

2-3-1502. Definitions. As used in this part 15, unless the context otherwise requires:

(3.5) "DISASTER" MEANS THE OCCURRENCE OR IMMINENT THREAT OF WIDESPREAD OR SEVERE DAMAGE, INJURY, ILLNESS, OR LOSS OF LIFE OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM AN EPIDEMIC OR A NATURAL, MAN-MADE, OR TECHNOLOGICAL CAUSE.

(7) "Legislative committee" means the legislative emergency ~~epidemic~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

PREPAREDNESS, response, AND RECOVERY committee created in this part 15.

SECTION 3. 2-3-1503 (1) (a) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

2-3-1503. Legislative emergency preparedness, response, and recovery committee - creation - membership - duties. (1) (a) There is hereby created a legislative emergency ~~epidemic~~ PREPAREDNESS, response, AND RECOVERY committee. The legislative committee shall develop a plan for the response by, and continuation of operations of, the general assembly and the legislative service agencies in the event of an emergency epidemic OR DISASTER. The legislative committee shall cooperate and coordinate with the council, the division, the department, and the GEEERC in developing the plan. The legislative committee shall develop and submit the plan to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the governor, the executive director of the department, the council, the director of the division, and the GEEERC no later than ~~July 1, 2008~~ JULY 1, 2011. The legislative committee shall meet at least annually to review and amend the plan as necessary and shall provide any updated plan to the persons or entities specified in this paragraph (a). THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY BY, AND CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS OF, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER. The legislative committee shall provide information to and fully cooperate with the council, the division, the department, and the GEEERC in fulfilling its duties under this section.

(2) In the event of an emergency epidemic OR DISASTER that the governor declares to be a disaster emergency pursuant to section 24-32-2104, C.R.S., the legislative committee shall convene as rapidly and as often as necessary to advise the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the legislative service agencies regarding reasonable and appropriate measures to be taken by the general assembly and the legislative service agencies to respond to the emergency epidemic OR DISASTER and protect THE public health, SAFETY, AND WELFARE. The legislative committee shall communicate, cooperate, and seek advice and assistance from the council, the division, the department, and the GEEERC in responding to the emergency epidemic OR DISASTER.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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