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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 946

Sponsors: Senator Basnight.

Referred to: Appropriations.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
2 COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
3 PROGRAM.

4 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

5 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the State
6 emergency management program's ability in the future to adequately address
7 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation for technological and natural hazards
8 as may impact the citizens of North Carolina and their property. In conducting its
9 study, the Commission may consider the program's ability in the future to address the
10 following:

- 11 (1) Technological hazards (hazardous material), including:
- 12 a. Need to establish regional hazardous materials response teams,
13 and to staff each of the six emergency management area offices
14 with a hazardous materials specialist;
 - 15 b. Need for staff and resources to implement Senate Bill 977,
16 introduced in the 1989 Session, addressing potential adverse
17 impacts of offshore oil and gas activities;
 - 18 c. Need for a fee system related to the impact of the Superfund
19 Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, as
20 amended;
 - 21 d. Need for staff and resources to implement OSHA 1910-120
22 (Title I, SARA, as amended) for State and local hazardous
23 material responders; and

- 1 e. Expansion of the Emergency Information System (EIS) at the
2 State emergency management office into the six emergency
3 management area offices to include detailed digitized maps of
4 business and industry impacted by SARA.
- 5 (2) Natural Hazards, including:
6 a. Statewide flooding problems;
7 b. Dam safety, particularly emphasizing the impact of the dam on
8 people, property, and vital resources located below the dam;
9 c. Further expansion of the Integrated Flood Observation and
10 Warning System in the mountains to include maintenance of the
11 entire system;
12 d. Further study of eastern North Carolina hurricane preparedness,
13 emphasizing additional signage to identify local Emergency
14 Broadcast System station;
15 e. Hurricane preparedness for inland counties;
16 f. Need for adequate planning and public education, and
17 development of urban search and rescue capabilities regarding
18 other hazards such as tornadoes, forest fires, and the potential
19 impact of liquefaction of the New Madrid fault;
20 g. Expansion of the emergency management system to allow for
21 identification of high-risk dams.
- 22 (3) Recovery operations (Presidential and Gubernatorial declared
23 disasters), including:
24 a. Need for Disaster Recovery Law, Disaster Recovery Fund, and
25 related staffing needs; and
26 b. Need to expand Emergency Information System.
- 27 (4) Catastrophic disasters, including resource needs at State and local
28 levels such as auxiliary power requirements for vital facilities.
- 29 If the Commission conducts the study authorized under this act, it shall report its
30 findings together with recommended legislation, to the 1992 Session of the 1991
31 General Assembly, or to the 1993 General Assembly, or to both.
- 32 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.