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3 By Senator Singleton  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Alabama Disaster Recovery Program;  
12 to amend Sections 31-9-80 and 31-9-81, Code of Alabama 1975;  
13 to add Section 31-9-87 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to create  
14 and fund a Statewide Emergency Notification System pursuant to  
15 cooperation between the Emergency Management Agency and the  
16 Alabama Disaster Recovery Program Committee.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Sections 31-9-80 and 31-9-81, Code of  
19 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

20 "§31-9-80.

21 "As used in this article, the following terms shall  
22 have the following meanings:

23 "(1) COMMITTEE. The Alabama Disaster Recovery  
24 Program Committee.

25 "(2) RECOVERY FUND. The Alabama Disaster Recovery  
26 Fund.

1           "(3) RECOVERY PROGRAM. The Alabama Disaster Recovery  
2 Program.

3           "(4) SYSTEM. The Statewide Emergency Notification  
4 System authorized in the act adding this amendatory language.

5           "§31-9-81.

6           "There is ~~hereby~~ created the Alabama Disaster  
7 Recovery Program for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of providing  
8 financial assistance to eligible counties and municipalities  
9 for meeting local needs before, during, and immediately  
10 following a disaster that affects a county or municipality-  
11 and of establishing, implementing, operating, and maintaining  
12 the Statewide Emergency Notification System to facilitate  
13 statewide communication of emergency responses, decisions, and  
14 warnings of developing emergency situations for the benefit of  
15 residents and state and local emergency management agencies.  
16 The recovery program shall be funded by the Alabama Disaster  
17 Recovery Fund. The Legislature may make appropriations to the  
18 recovery fund from State General Fund revenues, available  
19 federal monies, revenues made available by future legislative  
20 acts, or from any other source available except insurance  
21 policy surcharges. ~~All revenues appropriated to the recovery~~  
22 ~~fund shall be paid to the Emergency Management Agency and~~  
23 ~~deposited into a separate fund account.~~ All revenues paid into  
24 the recovery fund shall remain in the recovery fund until such  
25 time as expended as provided in this article, and shall not  
26 revert to the State General Fund or be expended for any  
27 purposes other than those set out in this article. All

1 revenues appropriated to the recovery fund, except those funds  
2 appropriated pursuant to Section 31-9-87, shall be paid to the  
3 Emergency Management Agency and deposited into a separate  
4 fund. Distribution of funds, except those funds appropriated  
5 pursuant to Section 31-9-87, shall be made to eligible  
6 counties and municipalities pursuant to procedures established  
7 by the Emergency Management Agency in accordance with this  
8 article. ~~The recovery fund revenues shall be expended for~~  
9 ~~purposes set out in Section 31-9-83.~~ All revenues appropriated  
10 to the recovery fund pursuant to Section 31-9-87 shall be paid  
11 to the Emergency Management Agency and deposited into a  
12 separate fund which shall be known as the Alabama Statewide  
13 Emergency Notification System Fund and shall be expended only  
14 as provided in Section 31-9-87."

15 Section 2. Section 31-9-87 is added to the Code of  
16 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

17 §31-9-87.

18 (a) Funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature  
19 to the Alabama Statewide Emergency Notification System Fund  
20 within the recovery fund for the purposes of establishing,  
21 implementing, maintaining, and operating the system, and,  
22 thereafter, shall be appropriated annually by the Legislature  
23 for continuous maintenance and operation of the system.  
24 Funding for the system may also be derived from gifts, federal  
25 grants, other appropriations from the Legislature, fees and  
26 contributions from users, or any other sources permitted by  
27 law. Any disbursement from the Alabama Statewide Emergency

1 Notification System Fund shall be authorized in advance by the  
2 committee.

3 (b) Within three months after the Legislature  
4 appropriates funds for the system, the committee and the State  
5 Emergency Management Agency shall jointly develop requirements  
6 and specifications for the system. The State Emergency  
7 Management Agency shall provide administrative and technical  
8 assistance to the committee.

9 (c) Any procurement paid in whole or in part with  
10 funds from the Alabama Statewide Emergency Notification System  
11 Fund shall comply with Article 2, Chapter 16, Title 41, or  
12 other law, as applicable.

13 (d) The State Emergency Management Agency shall  
14 serve as the awarding authority for any procurement paid in  
15 whole or in part with funds from the Alabama Statewide  
16 Emergency Notification System Fund and upon recommendation of  
17 the committee, may purchase, lease, acquire, or otherwise  
18 implement the system to serve citizens and state and local  
19 emergency management agencies.

20 (e) The committee shall submit an annual report to  
21 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President Pro Tempore of  
22 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
23 Senate Minority Leader, and the House Minority Leader  
24 detailing all expenditures in the previous fiscal year, the  
25 operation of the program, and its role in Alabama's overall  
26 system of preparation, response, and recovery from emergency  
27 situations.

1                   Section 3. This act shall become effective  
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 33  
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