

1 SB140
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide for a Statewide Emergency Notification System. It would also provide an appropriation of funds to the Alabama Disaster Recovery Fund that would be used to establish, implement, operate, and maintain the Statewide Emergency Notification System.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

1 "§31-9-80.

2 "As used in this article, the following terms shall
3 have the following meanings:

4 "(1) COMMITTEE. The Alabama Disaster Recovery
5 Program Committee.

6 "(2) RECOVERY FUND. The Alabama Disaster Recovery
7 Fund.

8 "(3) RECOVERY PROGRAM. The Alabama Disaster Recovery
9 Program.

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

12 "§31-9-81.

13 "There is ~~hereby~~ created the Alabama Disaster
14 Recovery Program for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of providing
15 financial assistance to eligible counties and municipalities
16 for meeting local needs before, during, and immediately
17 following a disaster that affects a county or municipality-
18 and of establishing, implementing, operating, and maintaining
19 the Statewide Emergency Notification System to facilitate
20 statewide communication of emergency responses, decisions, and
21 warnings of developing emergency situations for the benefit of
22 residents and state and local emergency management agencies.

23 The recovery program shall be funded by the Alabama Disaster
24 Recovery Fund. The Legislature may make appropriations to the
25 recovery fund from State General Fund revenues, available
26 federal monies, revenues made available by future legislative
27 acts, or from any other source available except insurance

1 policy surcharges. ~~All revenues appropriated to the recovery~~
2 ~~fund shall be paid to the Emergency Management Agency and~~
3 ~~deposited into a separate fund account.~~ All revenues paid into
4 the recovery fund shall remain in the recovery fund until such
5 time as expended as provided in this article, and shall not
6 revert to the State General Fund or be expended for any
7 purposes other than those set out in this article. All
8 revenues appropriated to the recovery fund, except those funds
9 appropriated pursuant to Section 31-9-87, shall be paid to the
10 Emergency Management Agency and deposited into a separate
11 fund. Distribution of funds, except those funds appropriated
12 pursuant to Section 31-9-87, shall be made to eligible
13 counties and municipalities pursuant to procedures established
14 by the Emergency Management Agency in accordance with this
15 article. ~~The recovery fund revenues shall be expended for~~
16 ~~purposes set out in Section 31-9-83.~~ All revenues appropriated
17 to the recovery fund pursuant to Section 31-9-87 shall be paid
18 to the Emergency Management Agency and deposited into a
19 separate fund which shall be known as the Alabama Statewide
20 Emergency Notification System Fund and shall be expended only
21 as provided in Section 31-9-87."

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

24 §31-9-87.

25 (a) Funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature
26 to the Alabama Statewide Emergency Notification System Fund
27 within the recovery fund for the purposes of establishing,

1 implementing, maintaining, and operating the system, and,
2 thereafter, shall be appropriated annually by the Legislature
3 for continuous maintenance and operation of the system.
4 Funding for the system may also be derived from gifts, federal
5 grants, other appropriations from the Legislature, fees and
6 contributions from users, or any other sources permitted by
7 law. Any disbursement from the Alabama Statewide Emergency
8 Notification System Fund shall be authorized in advance by the
9 committee.

10 (b) Within three months after the Legislature
11 appropriates funds for the system, the committee and the State
12 Emergency Management Agency shall jointly develop requirements
13 and specifications for the system. The State Emergency
14 Management Agency shall provide administrative and technical
15 assistance to the committee.

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

20 (d) The State Emergency Management Agency shall
21 serve as the awarding authority for any procurement paid in
22 whole or in part with funds from the Alabama Statewide
23 Emergency Notification System Fund and upon recommendation of
24 the committee, may purchase, lease, acquire, or otherwise
25 implement the system to serve citizens and state and local
26 emergency management agencies.

1 (e) The committee shall submit an annual report to
2 the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President Pro Tempore of
3 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
4 detailing all expenditures in the previous fiscal year, the
5 operation of the program, and its role in Alabama's overall
6 system of preparation, response, and recovery from emergency
7 situations.

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