

HB168 ENROLLED



1 HB168
2 9N7EMBM-2
3 By Representative Treadaway
4 RFD: Urban and Rural Development
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Enrolled, An Act,

Relating to local emergency management organizations; to amend Section 31-9-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for mutual aid agreements with other public or private agencies for reciprocal aid to protect public health and safety; to vest the authority in the governing body; to amend Section 31-9-11, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide that employees of political subdivisions have the same powers and immunities when they act outside of the political subdivision pursuant to a mutual aid agreement; and to make nonsubstantive changes to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 31-9-9 and 31-9-11, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§31-9-9

(a) The ~~director~~governing body of each local organization for emergency management may develop ~~or cause to be developed~~ mutual aid agreements with other public and private agencies within this state for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance in case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted. The governing body may also develop or cause to be developed mutual aid agreements with other public or private agencies within the state for reciprocal aid and assistance to protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state. Such agreements shall be consistent with the state emergency management plan and program, and a copy of



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each ~~such~~ agreement shall be filed with the State Director of Emergency Management immediately after being entered into. ~~In time of emergency it shall be the duty of each~~ Each local organization for emergency management ~~to~~ shall render assistance in accordance with the provisions of ~~such~~ the mutual aid agreements.

(b) The ~~director~~ governing body of each local organization for emergency management may assist in negotiation of reciprocal mutual aid agreements between the Governor and adjoining states or political subdivisions thereof, and shall carry out any such agreement relating to the local and political subdivision.

(c) The ~~directors~~ governing body of each local organization for emergency management may develop ~~or cause to be developed~~ mutual aid agreements with federally recognized Indian tribes located within the state.

(d) For purposes of this section, "governing body" means the political subdivision establishing the local organization for emergency management pursuant to Section 31-9-10."

"§31-9-11

Whenever the employees of any political subdivision are rendering outside aid pursuant to a mutual aid agreement authorized by Section 31-9-9 or the authority contained in Section 31-9-10, ~~such~~ the employees shall have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as if they were performing their duties in the political subdivisions in which they are normally employed."



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57 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
58 1, 2025.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
was passed by the House 13-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

08-Apr-25

Passed