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3 By Senator Allen
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Director of the Alabama
6 Emergency Management Agency is authorized to spend
7 public monies to carry out the emergency preparedness
8 and emergency response functions of the agency.

9 This bill would specify that this authorization
10 extends to the purchase from public funds of
11 promotional and educational materials that further
12 public awareness of the agency and emergency
13 preparedness.

14 This bill would also delete duplicative language
15 and make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update
16 the existing code language to current style.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to the Emergency Management Agency; to amend
24 Section 31-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the
25 Emergency Management Agency to purchase promotional and
26 educational materials from the funds appropriated to its use;
27 and to delete duplicative language and make nonsubstantive,
28 technical revisions to update the existing code language to



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current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 31-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§31-9-4

(a) There is ~~hereby~~ created within the executive branch ~~of the state government~~ a department of emergency management, hereinafter called the "Emergency Management Agency," with a Director of Emergency Management, hereinafter called the "director," who shall be the head thereof. The director shall be appointed by the Governor. The ~~director shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of the~~ office of director shall be a full-time position. The director shall not hold another office under the government of the United States or any other state, or of this state, or any political subdivision thereof, during his or her ~~incumbency in such~~ tenure in the office, and shall not hold any position of trust or profit, or engage in any occupation or business ~~the conduct of which shall~~ that would interfere or be inconsistent with the duties of Director of Emergency Management under ~~the provisions of~~ this article. The director shall ~~hold office during~~ serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(b) (1) The director may employ, subject to ~~the provisions of the Merit System Act~~ Article 1, Chapter 26, Title 36, ~~such technical, clerical, stenographic, and other~~ all necessary personnel and may ~~make such expenditures~~ expend within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made available ~~to him or her for purposes of emergency management,~~



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~~as may be~~ the funds necessary to carry out the purposes of this article; provided, that the state shall not pay the compensation, if any, of block wardens, fire guards, first aid specialists, auxiliary firemen, auxiliary policemen, and similar emergency management personnel, nor shall it pay the compensation of personnel employed by or for a local organization for emergency management.

(2) The director's authority pursuant to this subsection includes the use of appropriated funds to purchase items that are reasonably necessary to promote the functions assigned to the Emergency Management Agency by this article, including materials to educate the public on emergency preparedness.

(c) The director and other personnel of the Emergency Management Agency shall be provided with appropriate office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other state agencies.

(d) The director, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, shall be the executive head of the Emergency Management Agency and shall be responsible ~~to the Governor~~ for carrying out ~~the program for~~ emergency management of this state. The director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations of emergency management ~~within the state, and shall maintain liaison with and;~~ cooperate with ~~major~~ commanders of the armed forces ~~within the state~~, the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, the State Military Department, and with emergency management agencies and organizations of



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other states and of the federal government⁷; and ~~shall~~ have such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities authorized by this article as may be prescribed by the Governor.

(e) The director shall also hold the position of Assistant Director of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.