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3 By Senator Singleton
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SB140

ENROLLED, 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:

"§31-9-80.

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

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

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

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

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

"§31-9-81.

1 "There is ~~hereby~~ created the Alabama Disaster
2 Recovery Program for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of providing
3 financial assistance to eligible counties and municipalities
4 for meeting local needs before, during, and immediately
5 following a disaster that affects a county or municipality;
6 and of establishing, implementing, operating, and maintaining
7 the Statewide Emergency Notification System to facilitate
8 statewide communication of emergency responses, decisions, and
9 warnings of developing emergency situations for the benefit of
10 residents and state and local emergency management agencies.
11 The recovery program shall be funded by the Alabama Disaster
12 Recovery Fund. The Legislature may make appropriations to the
13 recovery fund from State General Fund revenues, available
14 federal monies, revenues made available by future legislative
15 acts, or from any other source available except insurance
16 policy surcharges. ~~All revenues appropriated to the recovery~~
17 ~~fund shall be paid to the Emergency Management Agency and~~
18 ~~deposited into a separate fund account.~~ All revenues paid into
19 the recovery fund shall remain in the recovery fund until such
20 time as expended as provided in this article, and shall not
21 revert to the State General Fund or be expended for any
22 purposes other than those set out in this article. All
23 revenues appropriated to the recovery fund, except those funds
24 appropriated pursuant to Section 31-9-87, shall be paid to the
25 Emergency Management Agency and deposited into a separate

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

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

14 §31-9-87.

15 (a) Funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature
16 to the Alabama Statewide Emergency Notification System Fund
17 within the recovery fund for the purposes of establishing,
18 implementing, maintaining, and operating the system, and,
19 thereafter, shall be appropriated annually by the Legislature
20 for continuous maintenance and operation of the system.
21 Funding for the system may also be derived from gifts, federal
22 grants, other appropriations from the Legislature, fees and
23 contributions from users, or any other sources permitted by
24 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, the
24 Chairman of the Senate General Fund, and the Chairman of the
25 House General Fund detailing all expenditures in the previous

1 fiscal year, the operation of the program, and its role in
2 Alabama's overall system of preparation, response, and
3 recovery from emergency situations.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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Senate concurred in House amendment 10-MAR-20

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