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SENATE DRS85054-MDz-15A* (11/18)

Short Title: Authorize Emergency Mgmt. Certification Prog. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Snow, Atwater, Goss, and Nesbitt.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO
3 ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION
4 PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
5 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 166A-5(3)d. reads as rewritten:

8 "d. Development and presentation of training ~~programs—programs,~~
9 including the Emergency Management Certification Program
10 established under Article 5 of this Chapter, and public information
11 programs to insure the furnishing of adequately trained personnel and
12 an informed public in time of need."

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 166A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
14 Article to read:

15 "Article 5.

16 "Emergency Management Certification Program.

17 "**§ 166A-54. Emergency Management Certification Program authority; purpose.**

18 The Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Crime Control and Public
19 Safety shall establish, as a voluntary program, an Emergency Management Certification
20 Program as provided for in this Article. The purpose of the Program is to strengthen and
21 enhance the professional competencies of emergency management personnel in State and local
22 emergency management agencies.

23 "**§ 166A-55. Program standards and guidelines.**

24 (a) The Division shall establish standards and guidelines for administration of the
25 Program, including:

- 26 (1) Minimum educational and training standards that must be met in order to
27 qualify for Type IV (entry), Type III (basic), Type II (intermediate), and
28 Type I (advanced) emergency management certification.
29 (2) Levels of education or equivalent experience that may be met in order to
30 qualify for the certifications provided for in subdivision (1) of this
31 subsection.
32 (3) Levels of education or equivalent experience for instructors who participate
33 in programs or courses of instruction.
34 (4) Curricula, syllabi, and other educational materials.



1 (5) Mode(s) of delivery of educational and training programs.

2 (b) In developing the Program, the Division may consult and cooperate with political
3 subdivisions, agencies of the State, other governmental agencies, universities, colleges,
4 community colleges, and other institutions, public or private, concerning the development of
5 the program and a systematic career development plan, including conducting and stimulating
6 research by public and private agencies designed to improve education and training in the
7 administration of emergency management.

8 (c) The Division shall study and make reports and recommendations to the Secretary of
9 Crime Control and Public Safety and other appropriate agencies and officials concerning
10 compliance with federal guidance, training, educational, and technical assistance needs, and
11 equipment needs of State and local emergency management agencies.

12 **"§ 166A-56. Emergency Management Training and Standards Advisory Board.**

13 (a) The Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety shall establish and appoint the
14 Emergency Management Training and Standards Advisory Board to provide oversight of
15 training and certification programs established pursuant to this Article.

16 (b) The composition of the Board shall include emergency management subject matter
17 experts representative of the State, its political subdivisions, and private industry.

18 (c) The duties of the Board shall include:

19 (1) Oversight of the Emergency Management Certification Program.

20 (2) Review of applications for certification.

21 (3) Issuance of certifications at least semiannually.

22 (d) The Board shall meet at least semiannually and at other times at the discretion of the
23 Secretary.

24 (e) The Board established pursuant to this section is not a board as defined in
25 G.S. 138A-3(1c).

26 **"§ 166A-57. Issuance of certification; reciprocity; renewal.**

27 (a) The Emergency Management Training and Standards Advisory Board shall issue
28 documentation of certification, in a form and manner prescribed by the Division, to each
29 applicant within North Carolina demonstrating successful completion of the requirements for
30 the level of certification sought by the applicant.

31 (b) The Board may issue documentation of certification to any person in another state
32 or territory if the person's qualifications were, at the date of registration or certification,
33 substantially equivalent to the requirements established pursuant to this Article.

34 (c) Every person certified pursuant to this Article who desires to maintain certification
35 shall apply for renewal of certification within five years of the date of original certification or
36 certification renewal.

37 (d) Renewal of Type I (advanced) certification is subject to completion of at least 24
38 hours of continuing education requirements as established by the Board.

39 (e) A certification that is not renewed in accordance with this section automatically
40 expires. The Board may approve reinstatement of an expired certification upon good cause
41 shown by the applicant.

42 (f) Certifications that have expired for more than five years shall not be reinstated."

43 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.