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HOUSE BILL 10-1080

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE
102 EMERGENCY EPIDEMIC RESPONSE COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE
103 PREPARATION FOR DISASTER EMERGENCIES, AND, IN
104 CONNECTION THEREWITH, CHANGING THE NAME OF THE
105 COMMITTEE AND ALLOWING THE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND
106 LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE,
107 AND RECOVERY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE EVENT OF
108 AN EMERGENCY EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills/summaries>.)

The bill broadens the scope of the current legislative emergency epidemic response committee (committee) to allow the committee to prepare for disaster as well as epidemic emergencies. The bill also changes the name of the committee to the legislative emergency preparedness, response, and recovery committee to reflect the broadened scope of the committee.

Additionally, the bill gives the committee the authority to recommend legislation pertaining to the preparedness, response, and recovery by, and continuation of operations of, the general assembly and the legislative service agencies in the event of an emergency epidemic or disaster.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 2-3-1501, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2-3-1501. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly hereby
5 finds and determines that in the event of an emergency epidemic OR
6 DISASTER in the state, the general assembly must be prepared to respond
7 to the emergency EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER and have a plan for ensuring the
8 continuation of its operations in order to assist in the protection of the
9 health, safety, and welfare of the public.

10 **SECTION 2.** 2-3-1502 (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11 amended, and the said 2-3-1502 is further amended BY THE ADDITION
12 OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

13 **2-3-1502. Definitions.** As used in this part 15, unless the context
14 otherwise requires:

15 (3.5) "DISASTER" MEANS THE OCCURRENCE OR IMMINENT THREAT
16 OF WIDESPREAD OR SEVERE DAMAGE, INJURY, ILLNESS, OR LOSS OF LIFE OR
17 PROPERTY RESULTING FROM AN EPIDEMIC OR A NATURAL, MAN-MADE, OR

1 TECHNOLOGICAL CAUSE.

2 (7) "Legislative committee" means the legislative emergency
3 epidemic PREPAREDNESS, response, AND RECOVERY committee created in
4 this part 15.

5 **SECTION 3.** 2-3-1503 (1) (a) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
6 are amended to read:

7 **2-3-1503. Legislative emergency preparedness, response, and**
8 **recovery committee - creation - membership - duties.** (1) (a) There
9 is hereby created a legislative emergency epidemic PREPAREDNESS,
10 response, AND RECOVERY committee. The legislative committee shall
11 develop a plan for the response by, and continuation of operations of, the
12 general assembly and the legislative service agencies in the event of an
13 emergency epidemic OR DISASTER. The legislative committee shall
14 cooperate and coordinate with the council, the division, the department,
15 and the GEEERC in developing the plan. The legislative committee shall
16 develop and submit the plan to the speaker of the house of
17 representatives, the president of the senate, the governor, the executive
18 director of the department, the council, the director of the division, and
19 the GEEERC no later than ~~July 1, 2008~~ JULY 1, 2011. The legislative
20 committee shall meet at least annually to review and amend the plan as
21 necessary and shall provide any updated plan to the persons or entities
22 specified in this paragraph (a). THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MAY
23 RECOMMEND LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO THE PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE,
24 AND RECOVERY BY, AND CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS OF, THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY AND THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE EVENT OF AN
26 EMERGENCY EPIDEMIC OR DISASTER. The legislative committee shall
27 provide information to and fully cooperate with the council, the division,

1 the department, and the GEEERC in fulfilling its duties under this
2 section.

3 (2) In the event of an emergency epidemic OR DISASTER that the
4 governor declares to be a disaster emergency pursuant to section
5 24-32-2104, C.R.S., the legislative committee shall convene as rapidly
6 and as often as necessary to advise the speaker of the house of
7 representatives, the president of the senate, and the legislative service
8 agencies regarding reasonable and appropriate measures to be taken by
9 the general assembly and the legislative service agencies to respond to the
10 emergency epidemic OR DISASTER and protect THE public health, SAFETY,
11 AND WELFARE. The legislative committee shall communicate, cooperate,
12 and seek advice and assistance from the council, the division, the
13 department, and the GEEERC in responding to the emergency epidemic
14 OR DISASTER.

15 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
18 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a
19 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
20 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
21 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
22 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official
24 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.