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**S 257. EXPAND DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MGMT. AUTHORITY.** Filed 2/19/09. TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT RECOVERY.

Amends GS 166A-4 to modify the definition of *emergency management* to include the never-ending preparedness cycle of *planning* and to add a definition for *hazard risk management* to mean the systemic application of policies, practices, and resources to the identification, assessment, and control of risk associated with hazards affecting human health and safety and property. Provides that hazard, risk, and cost-benefit analysis are used to support development of risk-reduction options, program objectives, and prioritization of issues and resources. Amends GS 166A-5(3) to add the following functions to the emergency management program: (1) administration of federal and state grant funds provided for emergency management purposes; (2) service as the lead state agency for hazard risk management, including specific listed responsibilities; and (3) utilizing and maintaining technology to enable efficient and effective communication and management of resources between political subdivisions, state agencies, and other governmental entities involved in emergency management activities.

**Intro. by Snow.**

GS 166A

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**S 257. EXPAND DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MGMT. AUTHORITY.** Filed 2/19/09. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Clarifies in proposed amended GS 166A-5(3) that the state emergency management program, under the control of the Governor, with duties delegated to the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, functions as the lead state agency *for the coordination of information and resources* for hazard risk management. Requires that the lead state agency coordinate with other (was, supporting) state agencies in conducting hazard risk analysis. Provides that to the extent another state agency has primary responsibility for the adoption of hazard mitigation standards, those standards must be applied in conducting a hazard risk analysis. Requires that the lead state agency maintain a clearinghouse for methodologies and metrics (was, establish and maintain methodologies and metrics) for calculating and communicating hazard probability and loss estimation. Makes other clarifying changes.