



## Bill Draft 2019-PBz-2: PED/DPS-EM Disaster Recovery Coordination.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *Draft 2019-PBz-2 would require the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management to provide guidance to the local emergency management agencies, distribute and obtain verification of the State's Emergency Operations Plan from key stakeholders, revise policies and procedures, and report on the essential job functions of the Voluntary Agency Liaison, as recommended by a Program Evaluation Division report.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Bill Draft 2019-PBz-2 would do the following:

- Section 1 would require the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (Division) to provide guidance to local emergency management agencies to do the following:
  - Outline the responsibilities of the North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NC VOAD) within local emergency operations plans.
  - Obtain membership within Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COADs) or Long-term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) and ensure the development of COADs or LTRGs with local and private sector organizations, if none exist.
- Report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee, and the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief no later than December 1, 2021.
- Section 2 would require the Division to distribute the Plan to nonprofit volunteer organizations and obtain verification from NC VOAD and other nonprofit volunteer organizations; revise the policies and procedures for using memoranda of understandings or agreements with nonprofit volunteer organizations; and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee, and the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief no later than December 1, 2021.
- Section 3 would require the Division to report on the essential job functions of the Voluntary Agency Liaison, including, at a minimum, (i) updating contact information of stakeholders, (ii) developing a resource registry for and maintaining partnerships with nonprofit volunteer organizations in state and local governments, (iii) developing operational guidance for recruiting and developing COADs and LTRGs, (iv) training existing COADs and LTRGs on operational capacity, and (v) attending recommended training modules. No later than December 1, 2021, the Division shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee, and the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief on the implementation of this section.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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**BILL DRAFT 2019-PBz-2 [v.9]**

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Short Title: PED/DPS-EM Disaster Recovery Coordination.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES, DISTRIBUTE AND OBTAIN WRITTEN VERIFICATION OF THE STATE'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS, REVISE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDINGS OR AGREEMENTS, AND REPORT ON THE OUTPUT AND OUTCOME MEASURES OF THE ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY LIAISON, AS RECOMMENDED BY A PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION REPORT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (Division) shall provide guidance to local emergency management agencies, as defined in G.S. 166A-19.3(9), on an annual basis. The guidance shall direct local emergency management agencies, at a minimum, to do the following:

- (1) Outline the roles and responsibilities of the North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NC VOAD) in communities within the local emergency management agency's emergency operations plans.
- (2) Obtain membership within Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COADs) or Long-term Recovery Groups (LTRGs).
- (3) Ensure the development and partnership of COADs or LTRGs with local and private sector organizations, including nonprofit volunteer organizations, if none exist.

**SECTION 1.(b)** The Division shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight Committee, and the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief no later than December 1, 2021 on the implementation of this section.

**SECTION 2.(a)** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (Division) shall distribute the State's Emergency Operations Plan (Plan) to nonprofit volunteer organizations that are within the Plan and obtain written verification of receipt from the North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NC VOAD) and other nonprofit volunteer organizations that are within the Plan.

**SECTION 2.(b)** The Division shall revise its policies and procedures to determine the frequency and use of memoranda of understandings or agreements with nonprofit volunteer organizations.

1           **SECTION 2.(c)** The Division shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight  
2 Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight  
3 Committee, and the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief no later than December 1, 2021  
4 on the implementation of this section.

5           **SECTION 3.(a)** The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency  
6 Management (Division) shall report on the outputs and outcomes essential to the job functions  
7 of the Voluntary Agency Liaison. The report shall include, at a minimum, the outputs and  
8 outcomes of the following:

- 9           (1) Update contact information of nonprofit volunteer agencies, local emergency  
10 management agencies, private sector partners, state departments, and other  
11 key stakeholders.
- 12           (2) Develop a resource registry for nonprofit volunteer organizations.
- 13           (3) Develop operational guidance for recruiting and developing Community  
14 Organizations Active in Disasters (COADs) and Long-term Recovery Groups  
15 (LTRGs), where none exist.
- 16           (4) Train existing COADs and LTRGs on operational capacity.
- 17           (5) Attend recommended training modules.
- 18           (6) Perform additional strategies used to maintain partnerships with nonprofit  
19 volunteer organizations in state and local governments.

20           **SECTION 3.(b)** The Division shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight  
21 Committee on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Emergency Management Oversight  
22 Committee, and the House Select Committee on Disaster Relief no later than December 1, 2021  
23 on the implementation of this section.

24           **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.