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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3305/4

from Ch. 127, par. 1054

20 ILCS 3305/24 new

Amends the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. Provides that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) shall, in consultation with the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), annually determine what funding is necessary for MABAS and ILEAS to sufficiently alleviate difficulties that emergency responders face in coordinating and providing personnel and equipment from participating agencies and units of local government when responding to all-hazard emergencies in this State and establish a formula for the distribution of that funding. Provides for a continuing appropriation of that funding, with reductions in the case of federal funding. Changes a definition. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4 and by adding Section 24 as
6 follows:

7 (20 ILCS 3305/4) (from Ch. 127, par. 1054)

8 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
9 context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and
10 terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

11 "Coordinator" means the staff assistant to the principal
12 executive officer of a political subdivision with the duty of
13 coordinating the emergency management programs of that
14 political subdivision.

15 "Cyber incident" means an event occurring on or conducted
16 through a computer network that actually or imminently
17 jeopardizes the integrity, confidentiality, or availability of
18 computers, information or communications systems or networks,
19 physical or virtual infrastructure controlled by computers or
20 information systems, or information resident thereon that
21 affect or control infrastructure or communications networks
22 utilized by the public. "Cyber incident" includes a
23 vulnerability in information systems, system security

1 procedures, internal controls, or implementations that could
2 be exploited by a threat source that affect or control
3 infrastructure or communications networks utilized by the
4 public.

5 "Disaster" means an occurrence or threat of widespread or
6 severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting
7 from any natural, technological, or human cause, including but
8 not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, hazardous
9 materials spill or other water contamination requiring
10 emergency action to avert danger or damage, epidemic, air
11 contamination, blight, extended periods of severe and
12 inclement weather, drought, infestation, critical shortages of
13 essential fuels and energy, explosion, riot, hostile military
14 or paramilitary action, public health emergencies, cyber
15 incidents, or acts of domestic terrorism.

16 "Emergency Management" means the efforts of the State and
17 the political subdivisions to develop, plan, analyze, conduct,
18 provide, implement and maintain programs for disaster
19 mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

20 "Emergency Services and Disaster Agency" means the agency
21 by this name, by the name Emergency Management Agency, or by
22 any other name that is established by ordinance within a
23 political subdivision to coordinate the emergency management
24 program within that political subdivision and with private
25 organizations, other political subdivisions, the State and
26 federal governments.

1 "Emergency Operations Plan" means the written plan of the
2 State and political subdivisions describing the organization,
3 mission, and functions of the government and supporting
4 services for responding to and recovering from disasters and
5 shall include plans that take into account the needs of those
6 individuals with household pets and service animals following
7 a major disaster or emergency.

8 "Emergency Services" means the coordination of functions
9 by the State and its political subdivision, other than
10 functions for which military forces are primarily responsible,
11 as may be necessary or proper to prevent, minimize, repair,
12 and alleviate injury and damage resulting from any natural or
13 technological causes. These functions include, without
14 limitation, fire fighting services, police services, emergency
15 aviation services, medical and health services, HazMat and
16 technical rescue teams, rescue, engineering, warning services,
17 communications, radiological, chemical and other special
18 weapons defense, evacuation of persons from stricken or
19 threatened areas, emergency assigned functions of plant
20 protection, temporary restoration of public utility services
21 and other functions related to civilian protection, together
22 with all other activities necessary or incidental to
23 protecting life or property.

24 "Exercise" means a planned event realistically simulating
25 a disaster, conducted for the purpose of evaluating the
26 political subdivision's coordinated emergency management

1 capabilities, including, but not limited to, testing the
2 emergency operations plan.

3 "HazMat team" means a career or volunteer mobile support
4 team that has been authorized by a unit of local government to
5 respond to hazardous materials emergencies and that is
6 primarily designed for emergency response to chemical or
7 biological terrorism, radiological emergencies, hazardous
8 material spills, releases, or fires, or other contamination
9 events.

10 "Illinois Emergency Management Agency" or "Illinois
11 Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security"
12 or "IEMA-OHS" means the agency established by this Act within
13 the executive branch of State Government responsible for
14 coordination of the overall emergency management program of
15 the State and with private organizations, political
16 subdivisions, and the federal government. "Illinois Emergency
17 Management Agency" also includes ~~means~~ the State Emergency
18 Response Commission responsible for the implementation of
19 Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
20 of 1986.

21 "Mobile Support Team" means a group of individuals
22 designated as a team by the Governor or Director to train prior
23 to and to be dispatched, if the Governor or the Director so
24 determines, to aid and reinforce the State and political
25 subdivision emergency management efforts in response to a
26 disaster.

1 "Municipality" means any city, village, and incorporated
2 town.

3 "Political Subdivision" means any county, city, village,
4 or incorporated town or township if the township is in a county
5 having a population of more than 2,000,000.

6 "Principal Executive Officer" means chair of the county
7 board, supervisor of a township if the township is in a county
8 having a population of more than 2,000,000, mayor of a city or
9 incorporated town, president of a village, or in their absence
10 or disability, the interim successor as established under
11 Section 7 of the Emergency Interim Executive Succession Act.

12 "Public health emergency" means an occurrence or imminent
13 threat of an illness or health condition that:

14 (a) is believed to be caused by any of the following:

15 (i) bioterrorism;

16 (ii) the appearance of a novel or previously
17 controlled or eradicated infectious agent or
18 biological toxin;

19 (iii) a natural disaster;

20 (iv) a chemical attack or accidental release; or

21 (v) a nuclear attack or accident; and

22 (b) poses a high probability of any of the following
23 harms:

24 (i) a large number of deaths in the affected
25 population;

26 (ii) a large number of serious or long-term

1 disabilities in the affected population; or
2 (iii) widespread exposure to an infectious or
3 toxic agent that poses a significant risk of
4 substantial future harm to a large number of people in
5 the affected population.

6 "Statewide mutual aid organization" means an entity with
7 local government members throughout the State that facilitates
8 temporary assistance through its members in a particular
9 public safety discipline, such as police, fire or emergency
10 management, when an occurrence exceeds a member jurisdiction's
11 capabilities.

12 "Technical rescue team" means a career or volunteer mobile
13 support team that has been authorized by a unit of local
14 government to respond to building collapse, high angle rescue,
15 and other specialized rescue emergencies and that is primarily
16 designated for emergency response to technical rescue events.
17 (Source: P.A. 102-485, eff. 8-20-21.)

18 (20 ILCS 3305/24 new)

19 Sec. 24. MABAS and ILEAS funding.

20 (a) Beginning July 1, 2026, the Illinois Emergency
21 Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS)
22 shall, in consultation with the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
23 (MABAS) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS),
24 annually determine what funding is necessary for MABAS and
25 ILEAS to sufficiently alleviate difficulties that emergency

1 responders face in coordinating and providing personnel and
2 equipment from participating agencies and units of local
3 government when responding to all-hazard emergencies in this
4 State.

5 (b) By January 1, 2027, IEMA-OHS shall, in consultation
6 with MABAS and ILEAS, establish a formula for the distribution
7 of the funding under subsection (a) of this Section.

8 (c) Beginning July 1, 2028, if for any reason the
9 aggregate appropriations made available to IEMA-OHS to make
10 grants to MABAS and ILEAS to enhance statewide emergency
11 preparedness and response are insufficient to meet the levels
12 required by this Section, this Section shall constitute a
13 continuing appropriation of all amounts necessary for these
14 purposes, except that this amount may be reduced by the amount
15 the State of Illinois receives in federal grants that IEMA-OHS
16 designates to be distributed to MABAS and ILEAS. The General
17 Assembly may appropriate lesser amounts by law.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.