

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1108

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 15, 2023

An act to amend Section 8593.9 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1108, as introduced, Calderon. County emergency plans.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, among other things, creates the Office of Emergency Services, which is responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services, as specified. Existing law requires the Governor to coordinate the State Emergency Plan and the preparation of plans and programs for the mitigation of the effects of an emergency by the political subdivisions of this state. Existing law defines the terms "political subdivision" and "emergency plans" for purposes of emergency services provided by local governments. Existing law requires the governing body of each political subdivision of the state to carry out the provisions of the State Emergency Plan. Existing law requires the office to establish best practices for counties developing and updating a county emergency plan and a process for a county to request that the office review a county's emergency plan by January 1, 2022.

This bill would require each county to review and update its emergency plan at least every 2 years. Because the bill would require local officials to perform additional duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would remove the date by which the office is required to update the best practices referenced above.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8593.9 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

3 8593.9. (a) *Each county shall review and update its emergency*
4 *plan at least every two years.*

5 ~~(a)~~

6 (b) ~~The Office of Emergency Services shall, by January 1, 2022,~~
7 *shall* develop best practices for counties developing and updating
8 a county emergency plan.

9 ~~(b)~~

10 (c) ~~The Office of Emergency Services shall, by January 1, 2022,~~
11 *shall* establish a process for a county to request the office to review
12 the county’s emergency plan. Upon the conclusion of the review
13 process, the office shall provide technical assistance and feedback
14 regarding the sufficiency of the county’s emergency plan with the
15 following elements:

16 (1) Whether the plan is consistent with the office’s proposed
17 best practices.

18 (2) Whether the plan protects and accommodates vulnerable
19 populations during natural disasters.

20 (3) Whether the plan has established procedures for alerting,
21 evacuating, and sheltering individuals during an emergency.

22 (4) Any other necessary and appropriate element, as determined
23 by the office.

24 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
25 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
26 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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