

**29C.1 Statement of policy.**

Because of existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of disasters, and in order to insure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such disasters, and to provide for the common defense and to protect the public peace, health and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state, it is the policy of this state:

1. To establish a department of homeland security and emergency management and to authorize the establishment of local organizations for emergency management in the political subdivisions of the state.

2. To confer upon the governor and upon the executive heads or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state the emergency powers provided in [this chapter](#).

3. To provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the state and with other states, to cooperate with the federal government with respect to the carrying out of emergency management functions, and to ensure the state government and its departments and agencies facilitate the rapid response of businesses and workers in the state and other states to a disaster.

[C62, §28A.3; C66, 71, 73, 75, §29C.3; C77, 79, 81, §29C.1]

[92 Acts, ch 1139, §1](#); [2003 Acts, ch 179, §157](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1023, §157](#); [2013 Acts, ch 29, §14](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1095, §1, 14](#)