Senate File 413 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 413

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE

GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1156)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to financial responsibilities of local
- 2 emergency management commissions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 29C.9, subsection 2, Code 2011, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 2. The commission shall be composed of a member of the
- 4 board of supervisors or its appointed representative, the
- 5 sheriff or the sheriff's representative, and the mayor or the
- 6 mayor's representative from each city within the county. The
- 7 commission members shall be the operations liaison officers
- 8 between their jurisdiction and the commission. A commission
- 9 member may designate an alternate to represent the designated
- 10 entity. For any activity relating to section 29C.17,
- 11 subsection 2, or chapter 24, participation shall only be by a
- 12 commission member or a designated alternate that is an elected
- 13 official from the same designated entity.
- 14 Sec. 2. Section 29C.17, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2011, are
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 2. For the purposes consistent with this chapter, the county
- 17 local emergency management agency's approved budget may shall
- 18 be funded by one or any combination of the following options,
- 19 as determined by the commission:
- 20 a. A countywide special levy approved by the board of
- 21 supervisors pursuant to section 331.424, subsection 1.
- 22 b. Per capita allocation funded from city and county general
- 23 funds or by a combination of city and county special levies
- 24 which may be apportioned among the member jurisdictions.
- 25 c. An allocation computed as each jurisdiction's relative
- 26 share of the total assessed valuation within the county.
- 27 d. A voluntary share allocation.
- 28 5. Subject to chapter 24, the commission shall adopt,
- 29 certify, and submit provide a budget, on or before February 28
- 30 of each year, to the county board of supervisors and the cities
- 31 for the ensuing fiscal year which will include an itemized list
- 32 of the number of emergency management personnel, their salaries
- 33 and cost of personnel benefits, travel and transportation
- 34 costs, fixed costs of operation, and all other anticipated
- 35 emergency management expenses. The salaries and compensation

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- 1 of agency personnel coming under the merit system as determined
- 2 by the commission will include salary schedules for classes in
- 3 which the salary of a class is based on merit qualifications
- 4 for the positions funding entities determined pursuant to
- 5 subsection 2. The form of the budget shall be as prescribed by
- 6 the department of management. Any portion of a tax levied by a
- 7 county or city to support the local emergency management agency
- 8 may be identified separately on tax statements issued by the
- 9 county treasurer.
- 10 Sec. 3. Section 29C.17, Code 2011, is amended by adding the
- 11 following new subsection:
- 12 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. Joint emergency response communication
- 13 services under section 29C.9, subsection 6, shall be funded as
- 14 provided for in the agreement entered into pursuant to chapter
- 15 28E.
- 16 EXPLANATION
- 17 This bill relates to financial responsibilities of local
- 18 emergency management commissions.
- 19 The bill provides that local emergency management commission
- 20 members may designate an alternate to represent the designated
- 21 entity. The bill provides that, for any activity relating to
- 22 Code section 29C.17, subsection 2, or Code chapter 24, relating
- 23 to the budget, participation shall only be by a commission
- 24 member or a designated alternate that is an elected official
- 25 from the same designated entity.
- 26 Currently, a local emergency management agency's approved
- 27 budget may be funded by one or more of four specific methods.
- 28 The bill requires the budgets to be funded by one or more of the
- 29 four specific methods.
- 30 The bill provides that joint emergency response
- 31 communication services must be funded as provided for in an
- 32 agreement entered into pursuant to Code chapter 28E.
- 33 The bill provides that agency budgets must be provided to
- 34 funding entities in a form prescribed by the department of
- 35 management. The bill provides that a portion of any tax levied

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