

Senate Study Bill 1156 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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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:

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:

16 2. For the purposes consistent with this chapter, the county
17 emergency management agency's approved budget ~~may~~ shall be
18 funded by one or any combination of the following options, as
19 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~~

~~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
6 by the department of management. Any portion of a tax levied
7 by a county or city to support the county emergency management
8 agency may be identified separately on tax statements issued
9 by the 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 county 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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