

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1775*

Short Title: Study/Local Disaster Mgmt. Capability. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt, Boseman, Malone, Snow, Apodaca, Atwater, Brown, Dorsett, Goss, Hartsell, Jenkins, Jones, Kerr, Preston, Rand; McKissick, and Queen.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 21, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
2 MANAGEMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA
3 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO STUDY AND DEVELOP
4 PLANS TO ENHANCE DISASTER MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES AT THE
5 COUNTY LEVEL.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** The Division of Emergency Management, in consultation with
9 the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, shall study ways and develop
10 plans to increase the capabilities of counties to plan for, respond to, and manage
11 disasters at the local level. Plans developed shall include time lines for implementation
12 and estimates of funding needs and shall address:

- 13 (1) Mandating, if determined necessary, the establishment and
14 maintenance of emergency management agencies at the county level.
- 15 (2) Increasing the number of counties employing full-time emergency
16 management coordinators, such that every county in the State, either
17 individually or pursuant to a joint undertaking between two or more
18 counties, has a full-time local emergency management coordinator
19 available.
- 20 (3) Implementing an emergency management certification requirement for
21 all local emergency management coordinators and other essential local
22 emergency management personnel.
- 23 (4) Developing a model registry for use by the counties in identifying
24 functionally and medically fragile persons in need of assistance during
25 a disaster and in allocating resources to meet those needs.
- 26 (5) Establishing a registry program for functionally and medically fragile
27 persons in all counties.

1 **SECTION 2.** The Division of Emergency Management shall report the
2 results of its study and provide the plans developed to the Chairs of the Joint Select
3 Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery and the
4 House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Natural and
5 Economic Resources no later than December 1, 2008.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.