

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25447

This bill provides funding to the Office of Emergency Management in the Military Division to provide emergency assistance for counties that have received a gubernatorial declaration of disaster and are eligible for state support. Grant applicants are eligible to receive assistance from the state with a 10% local match. These funds are used to meet the immediate needs of the community for health and safety and to stabilize the environment and not typically for permanent repairs and restoration.

This bill also provides funding to the Emergency Relief Fund in the Office of Emergency Management primarily for permanent repair or restoration of roads and bridges damaged during the extreme weather conditions this winter. It is also expected that additional damages will be identified as flood waters recede and the spring thaw undermines roadways. In some instances funding provided in Section 8 of the bill may be spent on projects that will then be eligible for federal reimbursement up to 75%. State and local governmental agencies will be eligible to apply for funding under Sections 4 through Section 8.

Finally, the bill provides an emergency clause so that funding will be available as soon as it passes the Legislature and is signed by the Governor.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill appropriates and transfers \$2 million from the General Fund to the Disaster Emergency Fund; appropriates and transfers \$50 million from the General Fund to the Emergency Relief Fund; and appropriates and transfers \$7,448,000 from the Consumer Protection Fund to the General Fund for a net impact to the General Fund of \$44,552,000 for fiscal year 2017. In addition, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee formally recognized an additional \$39,171,800 in surplus revenue on a one-time basis in fiscal year 2017.

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