

**SB8 ENROLLED**



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2 G3PFY6C-2  
3 By Senator Allen  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the Emergency Management Agency; to amend  
5 Section 31-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the  
6 Emergency Management Agency to purchase promotional and  
7 educational materials from the funds appropriated to its use;  
8 and to delete duplicative language and make nonsubstantive,  
9 technical revisions to update the existing code language to  
10 current style.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 31-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "§31-9-4

15 (a) There is ~~hereby~~ created within the executive branch  
16 ~~of the state government~~ a department of emergency management,  
17 hereinafter called the "Emergency Management Agency," with a  
18 Director of Emergency Management, hereinafter called the  
19 "director," who shall be the head thereof. The director shall  
20 be appointed by the Governor. ~~The director shall devote his or~~  
21 ~~her entire time to the duties of the office~~ of director shall  
22 be a full-time position. The director shall not hold another  
23 office under the government of the United States or any other  
24 state, or of this state, ~~or any political subdivision thereof,~~  
25 during his or her ~~incumbency in such~~ tenure in the office, ~~and~~  
26 shall not hold any position of trust or profit, or engage in  
27 any occupation or business ~~the conduct of which shall~~ that  
28 would interfere or be inconsistent with the duties of Director



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29 of Emergency Management under ~~the provisions of this~~ article.  
30 The director shall ~~hold office during~~serve at the pleasure of  
31 the Governor.

32 (b) (1) The director may employ, subject to ~~the~~  
33 ~~provisions of the Merit System Act~~Article 1, Chapter 26, Title  
34 36, such technical, clerical, stenographic, and otherall  
35 necessary personnel and may ~~make such expenditures~~expend  
36 within the appropriation therefor, or from other funds made  
37 available ~~to him or her for purposes of emergency management,~~  
38 ~~as may be~~the funds necessary to carry out the purposes of this  
39 article; provided, that the state shall not pay the  
40 compensation, if any, of block wardens, fire guards, first aid  
41 specialists, auxiliary firemen, auxiliary policemen, and  
42 similar emergency management personnel, nor shall it pay the  
43 compensation of personnel employed by or for a local  
44 organization for emergency management.

45 (2) The director's authority pursuant to this  
46 subsection includes the use of appropriated funds to purchase  
47 items that are reasonably necessary to promote the functions  
48 assigned to the Emergency Management Agency by this article,  
49 including materials to educate the public on emergency  
50 preparedness.

51 (c) The director and other personnel of the Emergency  
52 Management Agency shall be provided with appropriate office  
53 space, furniture, equipment, supplies, stationery, and  
54 printing in the same manner as provided for personnel of other  
55 state agencies.

56 (d) The director, subject to the direction and control



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57 of the Governor, shall be the executive head of the Emergency  
58 Management Agency and shall be responsible ~~to the Governor for~~  
59 carrying out ~~the program for~~ emergency management of this  
60 state. The director shall coordinate the activities of all  
61 organizations of emergency management ~~within the state, and~~  
62 ~~shall maintain liaison with and;~~ cooperate with major  
63 commanders of the armed forces ~~within the state,~~ the Alabama  
64 State Law Enforcement Agency, the State Military Department,  
65 and with emergency management agencies and organizations of  
66 other states and of the federal government, 7; and ~~shall~~ have  
67 such additional authority, duties, and responsibilities  
68 authorized by this article as may be prescribed by the  
69 Governor.

70 (e) The director shall also hold the position of  
71 Assistant Director of Homeland Security for Emergency  
72 Preparedness and Response."

73 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
74 1, 2026.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 22-Jan-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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