

# SENATE, No. 1839

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Allows certain entities to submit emergency plans electronically.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning emergency operations plans and supplementing  
2 and amending P.L.1989, c.222.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. (New section) a. Any entity, organization, or educational  
8 institution, be it public or private, that submits an emergency  
9 operations or evacuation plan to the State Office of Emergency  
10 Management may submit that plan in a secure electronic format by  
11 way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or  
12 presenting confidential information.

13 b. School districts required by regulation to develop and  
14 implement comprehensive plans, procedures and mechanisms that  
15 provide for safety and security in the public and private elementary  
16 schools may transmit those plans, procedures and mechanisms,  
17 when appropriate, in a secure electronic format by way of any  
18 electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting  
19 confidential information.

20 c. The State Office of Emergency Management may adopt  
21 rules, regulations, and guidelines, to effectuate the purposes of this  
22 act.

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24 2. Section 21 of P.L.1989, c.222 (C.App.A:9-43.4) is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 21. Each county and municipality shall submit an Emergency  
27 Operations Plan to the State Office of Emergency Management,  
28 which may be submitted in a secure electronic form by way of any  
29 electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting  
30 confidential information. No Emergency Operations Plan shall take  
31 effect without approval by the State Office of Emergency  
32 Management. The State Office of Emergency Management shall  
33 review the plans and determine their compatibility with the State  
34 Emergency Operations Plan Guidelines and shall either approve,  
35 conditionally approve, or disapprove the plan. The State Office of  
36 Emergency Management shall set forth in writing its reasons for  
37 disapproval of any plan or, in the case of the issuance of a  
38 conditional approval, shall specify the necessary amendments to the  
39 plan. If the State Office of Emergency Management fails to  
40 approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove an Emergency  
41 Operations Plan within 60 days of receipt of the plan, it shall be  
42 considered approved by the State Office of Emergency  
43 Management.

44 (cf: P.L.1989, c.222, s.21)

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1       3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill allows any public, or private entity, organization, or  
7 educational institution to submit emergency operations or  
8 evacuation plans to the State Office of Emergency Management in a  
9 secure electronic format by way of any electronic means capable of  
10 sending, submitting or presenting confidential information. In  
11 addition, under the bill, any school district required by regulation to  
12 develop and implement comprehensive plans, procedures and  
13 mechanisms that provide for safety and security in the public and  
14 private elementary schools may transmit those plans, procedures  
15 and mechanisms, when appropriate, in a secure electronic format by  
16 way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or  
17 presenting confidential information.

18       The bill also clarifies that each county and municipality may  
19 submit emergency operations plans to the State Office of  
20 Emergency Management in a secure electronic form by way of any  
21 electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting  
22 confidential information.