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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2499

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Dymally)
(Coauthor: Senator Kehoe)**

February 23, 2006

An act to amend Section 8589.1 of the Government Code, relating to emergencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2499, as amended, Ruskin. Emergencies: State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program.

(1) Existing law provides that it is the duty of the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program *established by the Office of Emergency Services* to collect and disseminate data for emergency management.

This bill would further specify that the duties include an inventory of ~~public and private sector~~ *state* personnel and resources available to the state *and the state's mutual aid regions in times of emergency. It would also require the office to develop policies and procedures governing the inclusion of private sector resources available to the state and the state's mutual aid regions in times of emergency.*

(2) Existing law provides for participation in the program by specific state agencies as well as any state agency not specified that collects data and information that will affect an emergency response.

This bill would include ~~local agencies that collect critical data and information that will affect an emergency response, thus imposing a state-mandated local program~~ *the State Department of Health Services*

and the California National Guard within the specified agencies required to participate in the program.

(3) Existing law specifies that it is the Legislature’s intent that the program facilitate communication between state agencies and that the emergency information be readily available to city and county emergency services offices.

This bill would further specify the intent of the Legislature that the program *facilitate planning coordination and resource exchange between state agencies, and* be compatible with the office’s standardized emergency management system. *It would make a conforming change with respect to city and county emergency services offices.*

~~(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions:~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8589.1 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
3 8589.1. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall establish
4 the State Computer Emergency Data Exchange Program
5 (SCEDEP) which shall be responsible for the collection and
6 dissemination of essential data for emergency management,
7 including an inventory of ~~public and private sector~~ *state*
8 *personnel and resources available to the state and the state’s*
9 *mutual aid regions in times of emergency. The office shall*
10 *develop policies and procedures governing the inclusion of*
11 *private sector resources available to the state and the state’s*
12 *mutual aid regions in times of emergency.*
13 (b) Participating agencies in SCEDEP shall include the
14 Department of Water Resources, Department of Forestry and Fire
15 Protection, Department of the California Highway Patrol,

1 Department of Transportation, Emergency Medical Services
2 Agency, the State Fire Marshal, ~~and any other state or local~~ *the*
3 *State Department of Health Services, the California National*
4 *Guard, and any other state* agency that collects critical data and
5 information that affects emergency response.

6 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Computer
7 Emergency Data Exchange Program facilitate communication,
8 *planning coordination, and resource exchange* between state
9 agencies and that emergency information be readily accessible to
10 city and county emergency services offices. The Office of
11 Emergency Services shall develop policies and procedures
12 governing the collection and dissemination of emergency
13 information and shall recommend or design the appropriate
14 software and programs necessary for emergency communications
15 ~~with,~~ *planning coordination, and resource exchange with and*
16 *between* city and county emergency services offices. It is further
17 the intent of the Legislature that this program be compatible with
18 the office's standardized emergency management system.

19 ~~SEC. 2.— If the Commission on State Mandates determines that~~
20 ~~this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to~~
21 ~~local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~
22 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~
23 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~