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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates a program for fiscal year 2001 under which the countywide and county emergency management agencies and regional authorities for emergency management may receive grants from a \$1 million appropriation for the purpose.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Distribution of grants to emergency management agencies

(Section 1(A) and (D); Section 2)

The bill creates a grant program for fiscal year 2001 under which \$1 million is to be distributed to qualifying countywide and county emergency management agencies and regional authorities for emergency management (of which the state has only one). The \$1 million is not intended to supplant any federal, state, or local funding to an emergency management agency or regional authority. Therefore, the bill prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from taking the grants into account in determining the amount of support to provide to an agency or regional authority.

The grant program is to be administered by the state Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Public Safety. Each agency or authority that applies for a grant must include with its application a spending plan

* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

showing how it will use the grant money. The grants are to be distributed in two rounds:

Round 1

(Section 1(B))

Within 120 days after the effective date of the bill, the Executive Director of the state Emergency Management Agency is to accept and process applications for grants of up to \$25,000 each. Only the countywide and county management agencies and regional authorities for emergency management of the 25 counties with the lowest average federal adjusted gross income (according to the most recent figures available from the Department of Taxation) are eligible for these grants. The application must be in the form and must be filed within the time limits established by a committee composed of the Executive Director, three employees of the state Emergency Management Agency chosen by the Executive Director, and three members chosen by the Ohio Emergency Management Association.

To receive a grant, an applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Executive Director that:

- (1) The agency or authority serves one of the 25 counties with the lowest average federal adjusted gross income;
- (2) The agency has obtained from the board of county commissioners, or the regional authority has obtained from the executive board of the regional authority, permission to apply for and to receive a grant;
- (3) The agency or authority employs, or upon receipt of the grant will employ, at least one permanent full-time employee;
- (4) The agency or authority is, or within 90 days after receiving the grant will be, in compliance with all the requirements applicable to the agency or authority under the law that governs emergency management agencies, including compliance with or enrollment in a professional development training program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director of Public Safety.

Round 2

(Section 1(C))

Following the 120-day period for accepting and processing applications for Round 1 grants, the money remaining from the \$1 million appropriation is to be available for grants to countywide and county emergency management agencies

and regional authorities for emergency management that were not eligible to apply for Round 1 grants. Unlike the Round 1 grants, which may be used for any purpose, the Round 2 grants must be used for special projects proposed by the agency or regional authority. The committee that established the form and time limits for submitting applications for Round 1 is required to establish the procedure for applying for and awarding these grants, as well as determine the amounts to be awarded and the qualifications for projects to be funded by the grants.

HISTORY

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