

PROGRAM BILL # 4

GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM BILL

2015

MEMORANDUM

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to improving state disaster preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities

Purpose:

This bill would improve State disaster preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities.

Summary of Provisions:

Sections 1 and 2 would amend Executive Law §29-H to permit the State to participate in the intrastate mutual aid program.

Section 3 would make the bill effective immediately.

Existing law:

Exec. Law §29-H only permits local governments and school districts to participate in the intrastate mutual aid program. The State is not a participant.

Statement in Support:

The intrastate mutual aid program allows local governments and schools to respond more efficiently to emergencies by expediting the deployment and acceptance of publically owned resources across multiple local jurisdictions. Permitting the State to participate in the program would improve the State's ability to respond to a disaster by allowing the State to request and accept assistance from local governments. It would also facilitate the unencumbered flow of local assets and personnel to supplement the State's response.

Budget implications:

The bill would require the State to reimburse local governments for assistance. Fiscal impact would depend on the extent of the assistance provided.

Effective Date:

The bill would take effect immediately.