



HOUSE BILL 118: First Responders Act of 2019.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 118 would direct the Department of Transportation to study the needs of law enforcement, emergency medical and emergency management personnel, and firefighters to improve access within the interstate system for the benefit of public safety and report its findings no later than March 1, 2022.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1(a) of the bill would direct the Department of Transportation (DOT) to study improving access to the interstate system within the State by emergency personnel for the benefit of public safety. The DOT would be required to consult with county fire marshals and other emergency management offices to determine potential sites for construction or improvement and to review whether existing planning and design standards for interchanges, median crossovers, and access points consider the needs of first responders.

Section 1(b) would require DOT to report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, Joint Emergency Management Oversight Committee, and Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when the act becomes law.

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