



HOUSE BILL 814: Emergency Management Mods.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2023-92		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2023-92 makes various changes to the Emergency Management Act, the powers of the Division of Emergency Management, and other provisions governing emergency management.*

This act became effective July 10, 2023.

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 amends the powers of the Division of Emergency Management (Division) as follows:

- Removes the authority to establish a voluntary model registry for identifying functionally and medically fragile persons in need of assistance during an emergency.
- Authorizes the Division to contract for services from vendors specializing in certain functions related to hazard mitigation.
- Requires the Division to establish and maintain a Statewide Interoperability Coordinator to coordinate voice and data interoperability programs, processes, and initiatives.
- Requires the Division to support local, regional, State, and federal disaster communications planning and response through integrated planning.

Section 2 repeals G.S. 102-1.1, which provides the name and description in relation to the 1983 North American Datum, and enacts a new G.S. 102-1.2 providing the name and description in relation to the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022).

This section also enacts a new G.S. 102-1.3, which grants the North Carolina Geodetic Survey the authority to adopt rules, regulations, and specifications for future horizontal or vertical reference frames based on the receipt of official notice from the National Geodetic Survey of a change or adjustment to NATRF2022.

Section 3 makes the North Carolina Geodetic Survey the authoritative source for North Carolina County and State boundary information and permits the use of light detection and ranging (a.k.a. Lidar) in determining county boundaries.

Section 4 authorizes the Division to make the list of individuals subscribing to the North Carolina Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network available for public inspection in either printed or electronic format, or both, in the discretion of the Division. This section also specifies the purposes for which the list can be used by the Division.

Section 5 provides that the funds appropriated in 2018 for the GuardianAngel Emergency Management Personnel/Equipment Tracking Tool and the additional funds appropriated in 2021 for Asset Tracking and Management – UNC be instead used by the Division, the North Carolina National Guard, and other

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agencies for funding for licenses and payment of vendor fees for personnel and equipment tracking and management capabilities.

Section 6 amends the membership of the North Carolina Search and Rescue Team Advisory Committee (Committee) to add representatives from specified specialty rescue programs. The section also clarifies that the chair of the Committee is either the Director of the Division or the Director's designee.

Section 7 authorizes the Division to use up to \$200,000 of recurring funds appropriated for the State Search and Rescue Program to support the transfer of two existing full-time equivalent positions from federal grant funding support to State funds.

Section 8 creates the Hazardous Material Facility Account as a special, nonreverting account within the Department of Public Safety, where all funds collected from the hazardous materials facility fee will be credited.

Section 9 removes the specific standards and guidelines for administration of the Emergency Management Certification Program.

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