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# SENATE BILL 257: 2026 Appropriations Act, Sec. 5A.18: Emergency Sheltering/Storage Space Procurement Flexibility

**Analysis of:** S.L. 2026-41, Sec. 5A.18

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Section 5A.18 of S.L. 2026-41 (Senate Bill 257) amends the powers of the Division of Emergency Management (Division), of the Department of Public Safety, to authorize the Division to contract for services from vendors specializing in emergency sheltering and storage spaces.

This section became effective July 1, 2026.

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