

HOUSE BILL No. 6364

August 11, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Espinoza and Polidori and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to create the personal preparedness standards act; to require state and local continuity plans to include certain provisions; and to provide for certain powers and duties of state and local officers and agencies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "personal preparedness standards act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Continuity coordinator" means the individual within a
5 first responder organization who is responsible for human capital
6 issues during a continuity event.

7 (b) "Continuity event" means a natural disaster, man-made
8 disaster, or terrorist attack that requires the services of a first

1 responder organization.

2 (c) "Continuity plan" means the plan maintained by each first
3 responder organization that determines how that organization
4 maintains essential public services during a continuity event.

5 (d) "First responder organization" means a state or local law
6 enforcement agency, fire department, emergency medical service,
7 public utility, or other public or quasi-public entity whose
8 services protect the public health and welfare.

9 Sec. 3. A continuity plan shall include personal preparedness
10 measures that ensure that employees of a first responder
11 organization and their families are prepared for the employees to
12 be deployed during a continuity event. The personal preparedness
13 measures shall include all of the following:

14 (a) Employees shall provide to the continuity coordinator a
15 listing of contact numbers for their immediate family and other
16 individuals significant to the employees for use in emergency
17 situations and as a means of updating family members during a
18 continuity event or during a long-term deployment. The contact
19 numbers shall be updated as necessary, but no less than annually
20 during the first week of January of each year.

21 (b) The continuity coordinator shall identify a team of human
22 capital liaisons for the purposes of providing updates to employee
23 family members during a continuity event. This list of contacts
24 shall be refined as needed during a continuity event. As a general
25 policy, updates shall be provided to those family members during a
26 continuity event not less than twice daily at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

27 (c) The continuity coordinator shall facilitate the execution

1 of a family preparedness and communications plan for all continuity
2 personnel. These plans shall, at a minimum, include the following
3 components:

4 (i) Education on the hazards and emergencies that may affect
5 continuity personnel specific to the area in which they reside.

6 (ii) Plans to reduce hazards in and around the employee's home,
7 such as where and how to turn off electricity, water, and gas.

8 (iii) The assembly of disaster supply kits for home, work, and
9 automobile.

10 (iv) Identification of community warning systems and evacuation
11 routes.

12 (v) Identification and documentation of the information
13 required from work, community, and school plans critical to them
14 and their families during a continuity event.

15 (vi) Identification and documentation of key local resources
16 specific to the common locations that continuity personnel and
17 their families frequent.

18 (vii) Contingency plans for child and elder care
19 responsibilities.

20 (viii) Contingency plans to care and shelter family pets.

21 (ix) Plans for family members to shelter in place or the
22 identification of outdoor rallying locations and evacuation routes,
23 or both.

24 (x) Contingency communication plans for family members.

25 (xi) Portable family emergency cards.

26 (xii) A mechanism for employees to maintain critical
27 information, at their residences or with trusted agents, that will

1 aid them and their families during a continuity event and in their
2 personal recoveries after a continuity event. This critical
3 information, at a minimum, should document important medical
4 information, automobile information, insurance information, real
5 and personal property information, critical financial data, legal
6 identification numbers, and other legal documentation critical to
7 recovery from a continuity event.

8 (d) Other activities that support continuity personnel with a
9 greater level of confidence in their ability to meet individual
10 responsibilities and obligations.