SENATE BILL No. 330

April 24, 2013, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 390, entitled

"Emergency management act,"

by amending sections 18 and 19 (MCL 30.418 and 30.419), as amended by 1990 PA 50.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 18. (1) A disaster AND EMERGENCY contingency fund is 2 created and shall be administered by the director. An annual 3 accounting of expenditures under this act shall be made to the 4 legislature and the legislature shall annually appropriate sufficient funds to maintain the fund at a level not to exceed 5 \$750,000.00 \$8,500,000.00 and not less than 6 \$30,000.00.\$4,000,000.00. UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED FUNDS 7 8 REMAINING IN THE DISASTER AND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND AT THE END 9 OF THE FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND AND SHALL BE

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CARRIED FORWARD AND BE AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE IN SUBSEQUENT
 FISCAL YEARS.

3 (2) The director may expend money from the disaster AND 4 EMERGENCY contingency fund upon appropriation for the purpose of 5 paying necessary and reasonable overtime, travel, and subsistence 6 expenses incurred by an employee of an agency of the state acting at the direction of the director in a disaster or emergency related 7 operation, and, with the concurrence of the governor or the 8 9 governor's designated representative, for other needs required for the mitigation of the effects of, or in response to, a disaster or 10 11 emergency.

12 (3) The director may place directly in the disaster AND
13 EMERGENCY contingency fund a reimbursement for expenditures out of
14 the fund received from the federal government, or another source.

(4) If a state of major disaster or emergency is declared by the president of the United States, and when authorized by the governor, an expenditure from the fund may be made by the director upon appropriation to pay the state's matching share of grants as provided by the disaster relief act of 1974, Public Law 93-288, 88 Stat. 143.

Sec. 19. (1) Under extraordinary circumstances, upon the declaration of a state of disaster or a state of emergency by the governor and subject to the requirements of this subsection, the governor may authorize an expenditure from the disaster AND EMERGENCY contingency fund to provide state assistance to counties and municipalities when federal assistance is not available. If the governor proclaims a state of disaster or a state of emergency, the

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first recourse for disaster related expenses shall be to funds of 1 2 the county or municipality. If the demands placed upon the funds of a county or municipality in coping with a particular disaster or 3 4 emergency are unreasonably great, the governing body of the county 5 or municipality may apply, by resolution of the local governing body, for a grant from the disaster AND EMERGENCY contingency fund. 6 The resolution shall certify that the affected county or 7 municipality emergency operations plan was implemented in a timely 8 manner. The resolution shall set forth the purpose for which the 9 assistance is sought, the extent of damages sustained, and certify 10 11 an exhaustion of local efforts. Assistance grants under this 12 section shall not exceed \$30,000.00 or 10% of the total annual operating budget for the preceding fiscal year of the county or 13 municipality, whichever is less. The assistance under this 14 subsection is to provide grants, excluding reimbursement for 15 capital outlay expenditures, in mitigation of the extraordinary 16 17 burden of a county or municipality in relation to its available resources. 18

19 (2) The director shall promulgate rules governing the 20 application and eligibility for the use of the state disaster AND 21 EMERGENCY contingency fund. Rules that have been promulgated prior 22 to December 31, 1988 to implement this section shall remain in 23 effect until revised or replaced. The rules shall include, but not 24 be limited to, all of the following:

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(a) Demonstration of exhaustion of local effort.

26 (b) Evidence that the applicant is a county that actively27 maintains an emergency management program, reviewed by and

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determined to be current and adequate by the emergency management 1 2 division of the department, before the disaster or emergency for which assistance is being requested occurs. If the applicant is a 3 4 municipality with a population of 10,000 or more, evidence that the 5 municipality either maintains a separate emergency management 6 program, reviewed by and determined to be current and adequate by 7 the emergency management division of the department, before the disaster or emergency for which assistance is being requested or 8 9 occurs, or the municipality is incorporated in the county emergency 10 management program.

(c) Evidence that the applicable county or municipal emergency operations plan was implemented in a timely manner at the beginning of the disaster or emergency.

(d) Reimbursement for expenditures shall be limited to public damage and direct loss as a result of the disaster or emergency, or expenses incurred by the applicant for reimbursing employees for disaster or emergency related activities which were not performed as a part of their normal duties, or for other needs required specifically for the mitigation of the effects, or in response to the disaster or emergency.

(e) A disaster assessment team established by the emergency management division of the department has substantiated the damages claimed by the applicant. Damage estimates submitted by the applicant shall be based upon a disaster assessment carried out by the applicant according to standard procedures recommended by the emergency management division.

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