

P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 54, *approved May 8, 2023*
Assembly, No. 4836 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹【State emergency response plans】
2 cybersecurity incidents¹ and amending P.L.1989, c.222.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 18 of P.L.1989, c.222 (C.App.A:9-43.1) is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 18. The State Office of Emergency Management shall adopt a
10 State Emergency Operations Plan, including rules, regulations, and
11 guidelines, that shall be reviewed and updated at least every two
12 years.

13 a. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, provisions
14 which shall be developed in consultation with:

15 (1) the Department of Agriculture, to support the needs of
16 animals and individuals with an animal under their care, including
17 domestic livestock, a domesticated animal, or a service animal, in a
18 major disaster or emergency; **【and】** ¹and¹

19 (2) the Department of Health, to provide for a coordinated
20 Statewide evacuation strategy for all hospitals and other health care
21 facilities in the State, alternative sources of care for evacuated
22 patients, and proposed sites of temporary shelter in the event of an
23 emergency. The Statewide evacuation strategy shall be based on
24 evacuation plans prepared pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1989, c.222
25 (C.App.A:9-43.2) and submitted to the State Office of Emergency
26 Management by each county and municipality in the State pursuant
27 to section 21 of P.L.1989, c.222 (C.App.A:9-43.4)¹**【; and**

28 (3) the Office of Information Technology, to develop a
29 coordinated Statewide response plan to address Internet outages
30 caused by a cyberattack or other natural or human-made disaster】¹.

31 b. The plan shall:

32 (1) include provisions that specifically address the need for the
33 safe and timely evacuation of the families and dependents of the
34 emergency responders rendering major disaster or emergency
35 services; ¹**【and】**¹

36 (2) incorporate the results of the risk assessment conducted in
37 accordance with the county storm preparedness funding program
38 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2017, c.63 (C.App.A:9-
39 43.17) ¹**【; and**

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted January 19, 2023.

1 (3) incorporate a framework to address cybersecurity incidents
2 that shall, at a minimum, serve as a mechanism to facilitate and
3 coordinate preparation for detection, analysis, containment and
4 eradication of, and recovery from, a cybersecurity incident, and to
5 prescribe post-incident activity¹ .

6 c. In addition, the State Office of Emergency Management and
7 each county and municipal emergency management agency shall
8 take appropriate steps to educate the public regarding the resources
9 available in the event of an emergency and the importance of
10 emergency preparedness planning.

11 (cf: P.L.2017, c.63, s.3)

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but shall remain
14 inoperative for 120 days following the date of enactment.

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19 Requires Office of Emergency Management to incorporate into
20 State Emergency Operations Plan framework to address
21 cybersecurity incidents.