

CHAPTER 66

AN ACT concerning emergency operations plans and supplementing and amending P.L.1989, c.222.

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

C.App.A:9-43.7 Emergency plans, electronic submission by certain entities permitted.

1. a. Any entity, organization, or educational institution, be it public or private, that submits an emergency operations or evacuation plan to the State Office of Emergency Management may submit that plan in a secure electronic format by way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting confidential information.

b. School districts required by regulation to develop and implement comprehensive plans, procedures and mechanisms that provide for safety and security in the public and private elementary schools may transmit those plans, procedures and mechanisms, when appropriate, in a secure electronic format by way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting confidential information.

c. The State Office of Emergency Management may adopt rules, regulations, and guidelines, to effectuate the purposes of this act.

2. Section 21 of P.L.1989, c.222 (C.App.A:9-43.4) is amended to read as follows:

C.App.A:9-43.4 Approval by State Office of Emergency Management.

21. Each county and municipality shall submit an Emergency Operations Plan to the State Office of Emergency Management, which may be submitted in a secure electronic form by way of any electronic means capable of sending, submitting or presenting confidential information. No Emergency Operations Plan shall take effect without approval by the State Office of Emergency Management. The State Office of Emergency Management shall review the plans and determine their compatibility with the State Emergency Operations Plan Guidelines and shall either approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the plan. The State Office of Emergency Management shall set forth in writing its reasons for disapproval of any plan or, in the case of the issuance of a conditional approval, shall specify the necessary amendments to the plan. If the State Office of Emergency Management fails to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove an Emergency Operations Plan within 60 days of receipt of the plan, it shall be considered approved by the State Office of Emergency Management.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 9, 2010.