



Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB630 : Maryland Department of Emergency Management – Office of Resilience

Position: Favorable

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Every social and political entity needs a central clearinghouse to help it manage crises. Without it, even the best of efforts and the best managers end up experiencing unnecessary duplication, inefficient deployment of services, too much of one thing and not enough of another, being in the wrong place, missing critical communications.

Maryland too needs a command center to help plan, coordinate, train for and execute resiliency plans when such moments demand. We have sadly experienced too many crises recently, from natural disasters (flooding, tornadoes, storms) to health disasters (COVID) to supply chain interruptions to social upheaval.

The time to plan and coordinate – across all sectors of government and with the partnership of the private sector – is now.

I urge you to support this common-sense, essential, potentially life-saving bill.

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