



Senator Jim Hughes
16th Ohio Senate District

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HUGHES' SB 243 CLEARS SENATE CHAMBER

Bill expands the eligibility for developing mutual aid agreements

COLUMBUS – Today at the Statehouse, members of the Senate gave approval to Senate Bill 243, sponsored by State Senator Jim Hughes (R – Columbus). The legislation modifies the set of laws which govern the Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC).

Under the plan, political subdivisions, in conjunction with other public and private agencies, will be permitted to develop mutual aid agreements. Such subdivisions may also work with public or private agencies in adjacent states to form agreements in anticipation of emergencies or natural disasters. Additionally, the IMAC process will be opened up to community and technical colleges, as well as state-funded public universities.

“This legislation will offer a greater amount of choice to subdivisions throughout our state,” Hughes said. “In doing so, we will save money and, most significantly, lives.”

Prior to its passage, Senate Bill 243 received support from the Emergency Management Association of Ohio and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association.

Companion legislation has also been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives.

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Senator Jim Hughes represents the 16th Ohio Senate District, which includes a portion of Franklin County. Senator Hughes currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Financial Institutions.