

_____ moved to amend as follows:

1 After line 10267, insert:

2 **"Section 755.____.** (A) As an alternative to the creation of
3 a countywide emergency management agency under section 5502.26
4 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners of a
5 county that has a population between three hundred fifty
6 thousand and four hundred thousand on the effective date of this
7 section, by resolution, may enter into a contract, not to exceed
8 four years, to implement a countywide emergency management
9 program that meets the requirements and conditions specified in
10 divisions (A) (1) to (3) of section 5502.26 of the Revised Code.
11 The board shall enter into the contract with the county sheriff
12 or a chief of a fire department that has countywide authority.

13 The sheriff or chief shall appoint a director/coordinator
14 of emergency management for the countywide emergency management
15 program. The director/coordinator shall pursue and complete a
16 professional development training program in accordance with
17 rules adopted under section 5502.25 of the Revised Code. The
18 director/coordinator is responsible for coordinating,
19 organizing, administering, and operating emergency management in

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20 accordance with the program established under this section,
21 subject to the direction of the sheriff or chief. All agencies,
22 boards, and divisions having emergency management functions
23 within each political subdivision in the county shall cooperate
24 in the development of the all-hazards emergency operations plan
25 and shall cooperate in the preparation and conduct of the annual
26 exercise as specified under division (A) of section 5502.26 of
27 the Revised Code.

28 (B) The board of county commissioners of the county, after
29 it enters into a contract to establish a countywide emergency
30 management program, may appropriate money from its general fund
31 to meet its obligations under the contract, including the
32 development, acquisition, operation, and maintenance of a
33 countywide public safety communication system and any
34 communication devices, radios, and other equipment necessary for
35 the system's operation and use. Money appropriated under this
36 section may be expended to purchase and maintain the assets or
37 equipment of the county or of the sheriff or chief who has
38 entered into the contract with the board, including equipment
39 used by the personnel of the sheriff or chief. The board also
40 may appropriate money under this section directly to the office
41 of the sheriff or chief who has entered into the contract with
42 the board, to enable the sheriff or chief to purchase
43 communication devices, radios, and other equipment necessary for

44 the countywide public safety communication system's operation
45 and use."

46 The motion was _____ agreed to.

47 SYNOPSIS

48 **Temporary countywide emergency management program**

49 **Section 755.____**

50 Authorizes counties with a population between 350,000 and
51 400,000 as of the effective date of the bill, to temporarily
52 create a countywide emergency management program in lieu of a
53 countywide emergency management agency.