

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/CS/SB 1892 — Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund

by Appropriations Committee; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; and Senator Diaz

CS/CS/SB 1892 creates the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund as a trust fund within the Executive Office of the Governor. Moneys specifically appropriated to the fund are available as a primary funding source for the Governor for purposes of preparing or responding to a disaster declared by the Governor as a state of emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated funding sources.

In accordance with Art. III, s. 19(f)(2), State Constitution, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund terminates on July 1, 2025, unless terminated sooner. Before the fund terminates, the Division of Emergency Management and the Governor must recommend to the Legislature whether to recreate the fund or allow it to terminate.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-1