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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a statewide first responder
2 building mapping information system; adding new sections to chapter
3 36.28A RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the extreme
6 dangers present when the safety of our citizens requires first
7 responders such as police and fire fighters to evacuate and secure a
8 building. In an effort to prepare for responding to unintended
9 disasters, criminal acts, and acts of terrorism, the legislature
10 intends to create a statewide first responder building mapping
11 information system that will provide all first responders with the
12 information they need to be successful when disaster strikes.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) When funded, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police
16 Chiefs shall create and operate a statewide first responder building
17 mapping information system.

1 (2) All state agencies and local governments must utilize building
2 mapping software that complies with the building mapping software
3 standards established under section 3 of this act for any building
4 mapped after the statewide first responder building mapping information
5 system is operational. All state and local government-owned buildings
6 must be mapped when funding is provided by the Washington association
7 of sheriffs and police chiefs, or from other sources. Nothing in this
8 act requires any state agency or local government to map a building
9 unless the entire cost of mapping the building is provided by the
10 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, or from other
11 sources.

12 (3) Once the statewide first responder building mapping information
13 system is operational, all state and local government buildings that
14 are mapped must forward their building mapping information data to the
15 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs. All
16 participating privately, federally, and tribally owned buildings may
17 voluntarily forward their mapping and emergency information data to the
18 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs. The Washington
19 association of sheriffs and police chiefs may refuse any building
20 mapping information that does not comply with the specifications
21 described in section 3 of this act.

22 (4) Consistent with the guidelines developed under section 3 of
23 this act, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
24 shall electronically make the building mapping information available to
25 all state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies, the
26 military department of Washington state, and fire departments.

27 (5) Consistent with the guidelines developed under section 3 of
28 this act, the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
29 shall develop building mapping software standards that must be used to
30 participate in the statewide first responder building mapping
31 information system.

32 (6) The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall
33 pursue federal funds to:

34 (a) Create the statewide first responder building mapping
35 information system; and

36 (b) Develop grants for the mapping of all state and local
37 government buildings in the order determined under section 3 of this
38 act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs in
4 consultation with the Washington state emergency management office and
5 the Washington state fire commissioner's office shall convene a
6 committee to establish guidelines related to the statewide first
7 responder building mapping information system. The committee shall
8 have the following responsibilities:

9 (1) Develop the type of information to be included in the statewide
10 first responder building mapping information system. The information
11 shall include, but is not limited to: Floor plans, fire protection
12 information, evacuation plans, utility information, known hazards, and
13 text and digital images showing emergency personnel contact
14 information;

15 (2) Develop building mapping software standards that must be
16 utilized by all entities participating in the statewide first responder
17 building mapping information system;

18 (3) Determine the order in which buildings shall be mapped when
19 funding is received;

20 (4) Develop guidelines on how the information shall be made
21 available to first responders. These guidelines shall include detailed
22 procedures and security systems to ensure that the information is only
23 made available to first responders;

24 (5) Recommend training guidelines regarding using the statewide
25 first responder building mapping information system to the criminal
26 justice training commission and the Washington state patrol fire
27 protection bureau.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.28A RCW
29 to read as follows:

30 Units of local government and their employees, as provided in RCW
31 36.28A.010, are immune from civil liability for damages arising out of
32 the creation and use of the statewide first responder building mapping
33 information system, unless it is shown that an employee acted with
34 gross negligence or bad faith.

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