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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 23-24—sSB 970

Public Safety and Security Committee

Appropriations Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING A DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION
PLAN ANNEX IN LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS**

SUMMARY: This act requires local emergency operations plans submitted on or after January 1, 2025, to include a domestic terrorism prevention strategy. The strategy must be described in a domestic terrorist prevention plan annex (i.e., supplemental report), based on standards provided by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's (DESPP) Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The act prohibits the DESPP commissioner from approving plans that do not include these components.

By law, every town must have a current emergency operations plan, approved by the DESPP commissioner every two years, to be eligible for certain state or federal emergency management benefits. The local emergency management director and chief executive must approve the plan before the town submits it to the commissioner. If the previously submitted plan has not changed, the town may submit it with a notice to that effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023