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Overview

This bill updates laws related to emergencies and disasters affecting state government, and requires all three branches of government to coordinate and develop individualized emergency operations and continuity plans for use in the event of an emergency or disaster.

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- 1 **Definitions.** Adds a cross reference to an existing definition of the term “declared emergency,” in the section of law that provides for the temporary relocation of Minnesota’s seat of government in an emergency.
- 2 **State government.** Updates phrasing in an existing law related to the temporary relocation of Minnesota’s seat of government in an emergency, to reflect a broader scope of emergencies that might require a temporary relocation, and requires that a governor’s orders for the orderly transition to the new location be consistent with the state’s comprehensive emergency operations plan, to the extent practical.
- 3 **Local governments.** Updates phrasing in an existing law related to the temporary relocation of a local governing body in an emergency, to reflect a broader scope of emergencies that might require a temporary relocation.
- 4 **Emergency operations and continuity of the legislative branch.** Adds a conforming cross-reference in the laws governing the legislature, to reflect new substantive requirements established later in the bill.

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- 5 State emergency plan.** Requires the director of the state's Division of Emergency Management to provide assistance to all three branches of government in developing emergency operations and continuity of government plans.
- The Division of Emergency Management is a division of the Department of Public Safety.
- 6 Specific authority.** Updates language related to the development of a comprehensive emergency operations plan and emergency management program for the state, to provide that the development of these plans and programs is a mandatory, rather than discretionary, duty of the governor and the Division of Emergency Management. The comprehensive plans must incorporate plans for the secure, continued operation of state government in the event of a disaster or emergency, including the plans adopted by each branch of government as required by this bill.
- 7 Emergency operations and continuity plan; legislative branch.** Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission to adopt an emergency operations and continuity of government plan on behalf of the House, Senate, and joint legislative offices.
- Subd. 1.** Provides minimum standards for the development and filing of the plan, and provides a list of contingencies that must be addressed as part of the plan.
- Subd. 2.** Directs how the plan may be implemented. The plan may be implemented, in whole or in part, by the governor or the chair of the LCC if an emergency is declared, or if a disaster or emergency is occurring or may be imminent. Additional details on implementation are provided.
- Subd. 3.** Establishes procedures to govern a special session of the legislature convened at an alternate location due to a declared emergency. These procedures are largely a recodification of existing law that is repealed later in this bill.
- 8 Emergency operations and continuity plan; judicial branch.** Requires the supreme court to adopt an emergency operations and continuity of government plan on behalf of the judicial branch.
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- Subd. 2.** Directs how the plan may be implemented. The plan may be implemented, in whole or in part, by the governor or the chief justice if an emergency is declared, or if a disaster or emergency is occurring or may be imminent. Additional details on implementation are provided.
- 9 Emergency operations and continuity plan; constitutional officers.** Requires the executive council to adopt an emergency operations and continuity of government plan on behalf of each constitutional officer. The executive council consists of all state constitutional

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officers (governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor).

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- 10** **Emergency operations and continuity of the judicial branch.** Adds a conforming cross-reference in the laws governing the supreme court and the state court administrator, to reflect new substantive requirements established earlier in the bill.
- 11** **Repealer.** Repeals a series of sections establishing procedures for legislative operations in the event of an emergency. These sections are reorganized and recodified earlier in the bill.