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Bill Summary

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Overview

Section

1 **Entity.** Enacts a formal definition of “entity” into chapter 12 of statute. Chapter 12 relates to state emergency management procedures.

2 **Entity volunteer protections.** Adds a new subdivision related to volunteer protections for certain entities who volunteer to assist the state or a local unit of government during a disaster. Immunity from civil action or administrative sanctions would apply, if the entity previously registered with the jurisdiction, and is under the direction and control of the jurisdiction during its service.

Immunity would not apply if the entity acts in a willful and wanton or reckless manner in providing care, advice, or assistance.

The entity would not be entitled to worker’s compensation benefits, and would not be indemnified by the state in any action resulting from its service.

These protections would apply to actions accruing on or after the day following final enactment of the bill.