

# STATE OF NEW YORK

---

3277

2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

January 29, 2019

---

Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. WEPRIN --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT in relation to authorizing and directing certain cities in this  
state to conduct a study on the preparedness and readiness of such  
city to react and respond to certain disasters

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Every city in this state with a population of ninety-five  
2 thousand or more shall, in cooperation with the commissioner and the  
3 director, be authorized and directed to conduct a study on the prepared-  
4 ness and readiness of such city to react and respond to a disaster,  
5 whether natural or man made, affecting that portion of the state's power  
6 grid located within such city. In conducting such study, each city  
7 shall analyze:  
8 1. the ability of such city to maintain vital services throughout such  
9 city;  
10 2. the ability of hospitals located within such city to provide  
11 services to patients, including the transport or evacuation of patients  
12 to other facilities;  
13 3. the ability to maintain the integrity of computer systems operated  
14 by institutions located within such city;  
15 4. the sufficiency of backup power generating systems;  
16 5. the preparedness and readiness of first responders for immediate  
17 deployment to help people in need;  
18 6. the preparedness and readiness of law enforcement; and  
19 7. any further analysis that the commissioner or the director deems  
20 relevant and necessary.  
21 § 2. When conducting a study required by section one of this act, each  
22 such city shall, as its primary focus, determine those areas in which  
23 the ability of such city to react and respond to such a disaster is  
24 inefficient, ineffectual or otherwise inadequate.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

LBD06302-01-9

1     § 3. Each city required to conduct a study pursuant to this act shall  
2 submit a report to the governor and the legislature setting forth its  
3 analysis and the determinations made as a result of such study within  
4 one year of the effective date of this act.

5     § 4. For purposes of this act the term "commissioner" shall mean the  
6 commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services  
7 and the term "director" shall mean the director of the office of emer-  
8 gency management within such division.

9     § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.