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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7023**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 464**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 7, 2002  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Construction Industry Disaster Volunteer Program.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
 **DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Construction Industry Disaster Volunteer Program. It provides immunity from civil liability to a construction industry professional and the construction industry professional's employer for services provided by the construction industry professional as a participant in the program during a disaster. The bill authorizes reimbursement for certain expenses incurred by a construction industry professional while participating in the program during an emergency.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill creates the Construction Industry Disaster Volunteer Program to encourage the construction industry to volunteer equipment and personnel during a disaster. The value of the volunteers' time and equipment would potentially reduce state expenditures. A volunteer would be eligible to receive reimbursement of expenses actually incurred for:

1. actual and necessary travel;
2. subsistence;
3. maintenance expenses; and
4. other expenses as approved.

The expenses would be paid from existing revenue sources and would probably be minor.

The state has had 14 major disaster/emergency declarations by the President of the United States over the last 11 years. The state averages about two emergency/disaster situations annually that are not of sufficient magnitude to receive federal assistance.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Emergency Management Agency; State Police.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Phil Roberts, State Emergency Management Agency, (317) 232-3834.