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TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA [8000 - 22980] (*Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.*)

DIVISION 1. GENERAL [8000 - 8899.72] (*Division 1 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.*)

CHAPTER 7. California Emergency Services Act [8550 - 8669.7] (*Chapter 7 added by Stats. 1970, Ch. 1454.*)

ARTICLE 6.5. Accessibility to Emergency Information and Services [8593 - 8594.16] (*Heading of Article 6.5 amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 520, Sec. 1.*)

8593.3. (a) A county, including a city and county, shall, upon the next update to its emergency plan, integrate access and functional needs into its emergency plan by addressing, at a minimum, how the access and functional needs population is being served by the following:

(1) Emergency communications, including the integration of interpreters, translators, and assistive technology.

(2) Emergency evacuation, including the identification of transportation resources and resources that are compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.) for individuals who are dependent on public transportation.

(3) Emergency sheltering, including ensuring that designated shelters are compliant with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq.) or can be made compliant through modification and that showers and bathrooms are fully accessible to all occupants.

(b) A local government may enter into an agreement with a, or may use the records of its own, social services department to access the contact information of persons from the access and functional needs population, and the contact information of the designated emergency contacts of those persons, if any, for the sole purpose of enrolling those individuals, who are residents of that local government, in a city-operated, county-operated, or city- and county-operated public emergency warning system.

(c) A county, or city and county, upon the next update to its emergency plan, regarding the integration of access and functional needs into that emergency plan, shall include representatives from the access and functional needs population, pursuant to subdivision (b), including, but not limited to, social service agencies, nonprofit organizations, and transportation providers.

(d) A local government that enters into an agreement to access information pursuant to subdivision (b) shall include procedures to enable any covered resident or designated emergency contact to opt out of the warning system and a process to terminate the local government's access to the contact information of the resident or the designated emergency contact from a county social services department. A local government or any third-party contractor or agent that assists with or administers an emergency warning system shall not use the information gathered for any purpose other than for emergency notification. The local government shall ensure that the confidentiality of the contact information is protected under reasonable security procedures.

(e) A local government that enters into an agreement to access information pursuant to subdivision (b) shall, upon receipt of that information, notify residents and designated emergency contacts that they have been entered into the public emergency warning system. This notification shall include a process to opt out of the warning system and to terminate the local government's access to the contact information of the resident or the designated emergency contact for purposes of the emergency warning system, regardless of the source of the information.

(f) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Access and functional needs population" consists of individuals who have developmental or intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, chronic conditions, injuries, limited English proficiency or who are non-English speaking, older adults, children, people

living in institutionalized settings, or those who are low income, homeless, or transportation disadvantaged, including, but not limited to, those who are dependent on public transit or those who are pregnant.

(2) “Contact information” means a person’s name, address, telephone number, and email address.

(3) “Local government” means a city or county, including a city and county.

(g) Any contact information of a person from the access and functional needs population or the contact information of the designated emergency contact for that person, obtained by a local government pursuant to this section shall not specify whether that person receives public benefits or any other information, besides the contact information, that would be considered personal or confidential.

(Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 98, Sec. 2. (AB 2213) Effective January 1, 2021.)