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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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A N A C T

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Introduced By: Senator Linda L. Ujifusa

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 30-15 of the General Laws entitled "Emergency Management" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **30-15-46. Funding to support mutual aid control centers.**

4 (a) The general assembly shall make an annual appropriation of not less than eighty
5 thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Rhode Island emergency management agency in the executive
6 department and created pursuant to the provisions of §30-15-5, to assist with emergency
7 communications during major or multiple emergency incidents or when a community has
8 exhausted its emergency resources and has requested assistance by the control centers under their
9 mutual aid agreement.

10 (b) These funds shall be distributed annually as follows:

11 (1) An amount of not less than twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to the
12 communities designated as metro control, east bay control, northern control, and southern control;
13 and

14 (2) An amount of not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to the
15 communities designated as back-up control centers.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the general assembly to make an annual appropriation of not less
2 than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Rhode Island emergency management agency to assist
3 with emergency communications during major or multiple emergency incidents.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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