

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 723\***

Short Title: Clarify Prevention/Emergency Management Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabin, Alexander, and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 21, 2018

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT TO  
3 CLARIFY THAT PREVENTION IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ACT, AS  
4 RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
5 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 166A-19.1 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 166A-19.1. Purposes.**

9 The purposes of this Article are to set forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor,  
10 State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery  
11 from natural or man-made emergencies or hostile military or paramilitary action and to do the  
12 following:

- 13 (1) Reduce vulnerability of people and property of this State to damage, injury,  
14 and loss of life and property.
- 15 (2) Prepare for prompt and efficient rescue, care, and treatment of threatened or  
16 affected persons.
- 17 (3) Provide for the rapid and orderly rehabilitation of persons and restoration of  
18 property.
- 19 (4) Provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency  
20 mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery among agencies  
21 and officials of this State and with similar agencies and officials of other  
22 states, with local and federal governments, with interstate organizations, and  
23 with other private and quasi-official organizations."

24 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 166A-19.10 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 166A-19.10. Powers of the Governor.**

26 (a) State Emergency Management Program. – The State Emergency Management  
27 Program includes all aspects of the prevention of, preparations for, response to, recovery from,  
28 and mitigation against war or peacetime emergencies.

29 ...."

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

