

Subject Closed-Captioned Television

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Overview

This bill requires: (1) plans for closed-captioning and real-time captioning for television programming and online broadcasts providing emergency information to be incorporated into the comprehensive state emergency operations plan and emergency management program; (2) the commissioner of public safety to ensure all public service announcements are made available through closed-captioning and real-time captioning for television programming and online broadcasting providing public service information; and (3) the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing to create a public awareness campaign for businesses to provide closed-captioned television if television services are otherwise provided. This bill also appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard-of-Hearing to develop a grant program for eligible nonprofit organizations to create a public awareness campaign on the need for closed-captioning for television programming and online broadcasting and to provide training on the use of closed-captioning.