
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 364

AN ACT CONCERNING EXTREME WEATHER PROTOCOLS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to develop the following:

1. standardized extreme hot and cold weather protocols that include weather factors (e.g., temperatures, heat index, and wind chill) that will prompt the state and municipalities to require cooling and warming centers to open statewide;
2. ways to access transportation to these centers; and
3. ways to communicate the protocols to the public.

The division must do this by January 1, 2027, and in consultation with the governor's office and municipal leaders.

Under the bill, the division must also post the protocols on its website and give them to the United Way of Connecticut's 2-1-1 Infoline program. (In practice, DESPP posts extreme weather protocols on its website.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 9 (03/09/2026)