

**SB 104 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Grayber

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Management**

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**Action Date:** 05/18/21  
**Action:** Do Pass.  
**Vote:** 5-1-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Meek, Wright  
**Nays:** 1 - Wallan  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/6, 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to establish or recognize credentialing of "critical service providers" and their access to and function during emergencies that would otherwise be prohibited. Includes private entities in establishment of sector-specific credentialing programs and sets requirements. Mandates submission of annual report for entities that establish credentialing programs.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Building on House Bill 2210 (2015) that allowed certain media personnel to access transmitters/equipment during emergencies
- Qualifications and credentialing
- Current number of media personnel credentialed or in the process of being credentialed
- Authorizing additional personnel
- Why broadcasters were initially credentialed
- Background on House Bill 2210 (2015)
- Need to credential other professions

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2210 in 2015 to allow employees of designated broadcasters to access emergency areas in order to maintain transmitters and other broadcasting equipment.

Senate Bill 104 allows for the credentialing of additional critical service providers by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) or recognizing private entities that have established sector-specific credentialing if certain criteria are met, to streamline such providers' access to and ability to maintain their equipment in emergencies.