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Title of Bill: HB 1868 RELATING TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

Purpose of Bill: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund the retrofitting of public school buildings so they can also be used as emergency shelters.

Department's Position:

The Department of Education supports this bill. The DOE appreciates the intent of this bill. Retrofitting school facilities that have been identified as emergency shelters during disasters is a necessity. The DOE would like to ensure its involvement in this process so that all retrofit projects follow the necessary requirements regarding school facilities projects. The DOE would appreciate coordinating with the Department of Defense in this matter.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.