

1 SB239
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3 By Senator Williams
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain residential
9 property owners may apply for a grant to retrofit
10 an insurable property to resist loss due to
11 hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic windstorm
12 events through the Strengthen Alabama Homes
13 Program.

14 This bill would require the Strengthen
15 Alabama Homes Program within the Department of
16 Insurance to maintain as confidential all documents
17 and information submitted by property owners or
18 insurance companies in support of grant
19 applications.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT

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25 Relating to insurance; to amend Section 27-31E-3,
26 Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Strengthen Alabama Homes
27 Program within the Department of Insurance to maintain as

1 confidential all documents, materials, and other information
2 submitted by property owners and insurance companies in
3 support of grant applications.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 27-31E-3 of the Code of Alabama
6 1975, is amended to read as follows:

7 "§27-31E-3.

8 "(a) To be eligible for a grant, residential
9 property owners applying for a grant must have an insurable
10 property that has been granted a homestead exemption and must
11 be able to meet the eligibility requirements as set forth by
12 the department for each grant type.

13 "(b) Grants to residential property owners must be
14 used to retrofit an insurable property as defined in Section
15 27-31D-3, to resist loss due to hurricane, tornado, or other
16 catastrophic windstorm events as prescribed in subsection (b)
17 of Section 27-31D-2.

18 "(c) Documents, materials, and other information
19 submitted to the department by property owners or insurance
20 companies in support of a grant application shall be subject
21 to the confidentiality provisions of subsection (g) of Section
22 27-2-24."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.