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S.B. No. 22

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring the division of emergency management to
3 coordinate the creation of certain medical and special needs
4 shelters.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 418.043, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 418.043. OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES. The division shall:

9 (1) determine requirements of the state and its
10 political subdivisions for food, clothing, and other necessities in
11 event of a disaster;

12 (2) procure and position supplies, medicines,
13 materials, and equipment;

14 (3) adopt standards and requirements for local and
15 interjurisdictional emergency management plans;

16 (4) periodically review local and interjurisdictional
17 emergency management plans;

18 (5) coordinate deployment of mobile support units;

19 (6) establish and operate training programs and
20 programs of public information or assist political subdivisions and
21 emergency management agencies to establish and operate the
22 programs;

23 (7) make surveys of public and private industries,
24 resources, and facilities in the state that are necessary to carry

1 out the purposes of this chapter;

2 (8) plan and make arrangements for the availability
3 and use of any private facilities, services, and property and
4 provide for payment for use under terms and conditions agreed on if
5 the facilities are used and payment is necessary;

6 (9) establish a register of persons with types of
7 training and skills important in disaster mitigation,
8 preparedness, response, and recovery;

9 (10) establish a register of mobile and construction
10 equipment and temporary housing available for use in a disaster;

11 (11) prepare, for issuance by the governor, executive
12 orders and regulations necessary or appropriate in coping with
13 disasters;

14 (12) cooperate with the federal government and any
15 public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of this
16 chapter and in implementing programs for disaster mitigation,
17 preparation, response, and recovery; ~~and~~

18 (13) plan and make arrangements for the availability
19 and use of medical and dental units, as that term is defined by
20 Section 61.003, Education Code, as shelters for use in a disaster
21 for persons with medical or other special needs; and

22 (14) do other things necessary, incidental, or
23 appropriate for the implementation of this chapter.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2006.