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H.B. No. 2405

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to paying the costs incurred by a state agency that is  
3 deployed by the governor to respond to a natural disaster or other  
4 emergency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 418.073, Government Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) If the governor deploys the personnel or other resources  
9 of a state agency to respond to a natural disaster or other  
10 emergency, the governor shall pay the costs incurred by the agency  
11 resulting from the deployment from the disaster contingency fund  
12 without regard to whether the demands placed on funds otherwise  
13 appropriated to the agency are unreasonably great. The concurrence  
14 of the disaster emergency funding board is not required for a  
15 payment under this subsection.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.