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H.B. No. 1326

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a plan to replenish the food supplies of food banks or food pantries following a disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Section 418.042(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The division shall prepare and keep current a comprehensive state emergency management plan. The plan may include:

(1) provisions for prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disaster;

(2) provisions for prompt and effective response to disaster;

(3) provisions for emergency relief;

(4) provisions for energy emergencies;

(5) identification of areas particularly vulnerable to disasters;

(6) recommendations for zoning, building restrictions, and other land-use controls, safety measures for securing mobile homes or other nonpermanent or semipermanent structures, and other preventive and preparedness measures designed to eliminate or reduce disasters or their impact;

(7) provisions for assistance to local officials in designing local emergency management plans;

1           (8) authorization and procedures for the erection or  
2 other construction of temporary works designed to protect against  
3 or mitigate danger, damage, or loss from flood, fire, or other  
4 disaster;

5           (9) preparation and distribution to the appropriate  
6 state and local officials of state catalogs of federal, state, and  
7 private assistance programs;

8           (10) organization of manpower and channels of  
9 assistance;

10          (11) coordination of federal, state, and local  
11 emergency management activities;

12          (12) coordination of the state emergency management  
13 plan with the emergency management plans of the federal government;

14          (13) coordination of federal and state energy  
15 emergency plans;

16          (14) provisions for education and training of local  
17 officials on activation of the Emergency Alert System established  
18 under 47 C.F.R. Part 11; ~~and~~

19          (15) provisions for quickly replenishing the food  
20 supplies of area food banks or food pantries following a disaster;  
21 and

22          (16) other necessary matters relating to disasters.

23          SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.