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H.B. No. 2827

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2827:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of the emergency housing and disaster  
3 recovery division within the Texas Department of Housing and  
4 Community Affairs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2306.0521, Government Code, is amended  
7 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department shall  
9 establish and maintain an emergency housing and disaster recovery  
10 division. The division shall:

11 (1) develop a program to provide for the rapid  
12 deployment of temporary housing for homeowners affected by natural  
13 disasters;

14 (2) develop a program to quickly restore or replace  
15 permanent housing for homeowners affected by natural disasters;

16 (3) develop a program to quickly provide additional  
17 rental housing to areas affected by natural disasters;

18 (4) provide funding to nonprofit agencies that provide  
19 to homeowners affected by natural disasters counseling on  
20 refinancing options and financial assistance available through  
21 state and federal programs; and

22 (5) collaborate with the division of emergency  
23 management established under Chapter 418 and the Federal Emergency  
24 Management Agency to secure reimbursement for housing needs in

1 areas affected by natural disasters.

2 SECTION 2. Section 2306.056, Government Code, is amended by  
3 adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

4 (c) If federal or state money, other than money appropriated  
5 to the department under a current services budget for the state  
6 fiscal biennium prepared for the state budgetary process is  
7 allocated to the department to address the results of a natural  
8 disaster, the board may appoint a committee composed of residents  
9 of the affected area. The committee shall serve until 90 percent of  
10 the money allocated to the department to address the results of the  
11 natural disaster has been spent. The committee shall advise the  
12 department and the emergency housing and disaster recovery division  
13 with regards to resource allocation.

14 (d) The department shall develop and implement policies  
15 that provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to appear  
16 periodically before a committee created under Subsection (c) and to  
17 speak on any issue under the jurisdiction of the emergency housing  
18 and disaster recovery division.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.