

1-1 By: Nelson, Shapleigh S.B. No. 75  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; February 10, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and  
1-4 Homeland Security; April 8, 2009, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 8, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the establishment of a disaster and emergency education  
1-9 program.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 418.186 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 418.186. DISASTER AND EMERGENCY EDUCATION. (a) The  
1-14 Department of State Health Services shall establish a program  
1-15 designed to educate the citizens of this state on disaster and  
1-16 emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. The program must  
1-17 address:

1-18 (1) types of disasters or other emergencies;

1-19 (2) the appropriate response to each type of disaster  
1-20 or emergency, including options for evacuation and shelter;

1-21 (3) how to prepare for each type of disaster or  
1-22 emergency;

1-23 (4) the impact of each type of disaster or emergency on  
1-24 citizens requiring medical assistance or other care;

1-25 (5) ways to respond in a disaster or emergency or to  
1-26 assist the victims of a disaster or emergency; and

1-27 (6) resources and supplies for disaster or emergency  
1-28 recovery.

1-29 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
1-30 Services Commission, in cooperation with the governor, shall adopt  
1-31 rules to create and administer a disaster and emergency education  
1-32 program established under this section.

1-33 SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of  
1-34 this Act, but not later than January 1, 2010, the executive  
1-35 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, in  
1-36 cooperation with the governor, shall adopt rules to create and  
1-37 administer a disaster and emergency education program established  
1-38 under Section 418.186, Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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