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S.B. No. 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the provision of state matching funds to municipalities for hurricane preparation and recovery.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.075 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.075. MATCHING FUNDS FOR MUNICIPAL HURRICANE PREPARATION AND RECOVERY. (a) The division shall implement a matching funds program to award grants to municipalities as an incentive to create and maintain municipal disaster contingency funds for hurricane preparation and recovery.

(b) The division shall award the matching funds annually from the state's disaster contingency fund. If funds are available, the division shall award a grant to a municipality that is equal to 25 percent of the amount the municipality added during the preceding fiscal year to the municipality's disaster contingency fund.

(c) Funds awarded under this section to a municipality may be used only for hurricane preparation and recovery purposes.

(d) The division shall adopt rules necessary to implement the matching funds program.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.