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H.B. No. 3178

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 418.115(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A request for mutual aid assistance may be submitted verbally or in writing. If a request is submitted verbally, it must be confirmed in writing [~~not later than the 30th day after the date the request was made~~].

SECTION 2. Section 418.1181(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a local government entity requests mutual aid assistance from another local government entity under the system that requires a response that exceeds 12 consecutive hours, the requesting local government entity shall reimburse the actual costs of providing mutual aid assistance to the responding local government entity, including costs for personnel, operation and maintenance of equipment, damaged equipment, food, lodging, and transportation, incurred by the responding local government entity in response to a request for reimbursement. Local government entities with a mutual aid agreement when the request for mutual aid assistance is made are subject to the agreement's terms of reimbursement, as provided by Section 418.111.

SECTION 3. Section 418.114, Government Code, is repealed.

1 SECTION 4. Sections 418.115(a) and 418.1181(a), Government
2 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to mutual aid assistance
3 requested on or after the effective date of this Act. Mutual aid
4 assistance requested before the effective date of this Act is
5 governed by the law in effect on the date the aid was requested, and
6 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.