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H.B. No. 2827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of homeland security activity for
3 emergency management purposes.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sec. 421.001, Government Code, is amended as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 421.001 DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

8 (1) "Agency" means any governmental entity.

9 (2) "Critical infrastructure" includes all public or
10 private assets, systems, and functions vital to the security,
11 governance, public health and safety, economy, or morale of the
12 state or the nation.

13 (2-a) "Fusion center" means a state or regional
14 multidisciplinary collaborative effort of two or more agencies that
15 combine resources, expertise, and intelligence and other
16 information with the goal of maximizing the ability of those
17 agencies to detect, prevent, and respond to criminal activities or
18 to otherwise engage in homeland security activities.

19 (3) "Homeland security activity" means any activity
20 related to the prevention or discovery of, response to, or recovery
21 from a terrorist attack, natural or man-made disaster, hostile
22 military or paramilitary action, ~~or~~ extraordinary law
23 enforcement emergency, or fire or medical emergency that requires
24 additional resources beyond the local jurisdiction's capabilities.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.