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By:  Davis of Harris H.B. No. 1296

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1296:

By:  Calanni C.S.H.B. No. 1296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a disaster case management system by the General Land Office.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter H, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.193 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.193.  DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. (a) The General Land Office shall develop and maintain an electronic disaster case management system. The system must:

(1)  collect all information needed to obtain disaster assistance from an individual who needs housing-related assistance as a result of a disaster; and

(2)  allow the individual to designate the entities to which an application for assistance and other information may be sent, including the General Land Office, organized volunteer groups, and local nonprofit organizations.

(b)  The General Land Office may coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies and nongovernmental entities, including private nonprofit organizations, for use of the system under Subsection (a) to gather data from and share information with and between those entities to streamline applications submitted by individual households to relevant disaster assistance providers.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.