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By:  Davis of Harris H.B. No. 1299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the comptroller of public accounts to establish and maintain a political subdivision disaster expenditure database.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.0243 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.0243.  POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DISASTER EXPENDITURE DATABASE. (a) In this section:

(1)  "Disaster" has the meaning assigned by Section 418.004.

(2)  "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, school district, junior college district, other special district, or other subdivision of state government.

(b)  The comptroller shall establish and maintain on the Internet an electronically searchable database that contains the following information for each political subdivision:

(1)  the total amount budgeted by the political subdivision for disaster preparedness, response, rebuilding, and mitigation in the most recent fiscal year of the political subdivision that is complete;

(2)  the total amount spent by the political subdivision for disaster preparedness, response, rebuilding, and mitigation in the most recent fiscal year of the political subdivision that is complete; and

(3)  the total amount received by the political subdivision for disaster preparedness, response, rebuilding, and mitigation in the most recent fiscal year of the political subdivision that is complete from the following categories, stated as a total amount and a per category amount:

(A)  the federal government;

(B)  the state government;

(C)  another public entity, including another political subdivision; and

(D)  a private entity, including an insurance company or nonprofit charitable organization.

(c)  The comptroller shall update the information in the database for a political subdivision not later than the 45th day after the date on which the comptroller receives a report from the political subdivision under Subsection (d).

(d)  Each political subdivision shall, at the close of the political subdivision's fiscal year, prepare and file with the comptroller an annual report that contains for that fiscal year the information described by Subsection (b). Each political subdivision must file the report required by this subsection in a form and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller. The comptroller shall prepare a form for the report required by this subsection.

(e)  The comptroller shall establish procedures and adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2.  The comptroller of public accounts shall:

(1)  prepare and make available the form required by Section 403.0243(d), Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than October 1, 2019; and

(2)  establish and post on the Internet the database required by Section 403.0243, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2020.

SECTION 3.  The first report required of a political subdivision under Section 403.0243(d), Government Code, as added by this Act, must be filed with the comptroller of public accounts at the close of the political subdivision's 2019 fiscal year.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.