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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a task force to expedite permitting and funding following certain disasters.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.054.  PERMITTING TASK FORCE. (a) The division shall form a task force with representatives from the General Land Office, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas Historical Commission to be activated if a state of disaster is declared under Section 418.014 because of weather conditions to expedite:

(1)  environmental permitting; and

(2)  access to funds from federal disaster relief programs following the disaster.

(b)  The task force formed under this section shall establish procedures for expediting the evaluation of environmental permits during disaster recovery in order for local entities to demonstrate compliance with regulations and access federal disaster relief programs and funding.

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