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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of information about the use of federal money for flood research, planning, and mitigation projects.

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

SECTION 1.  Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2061 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2061. FLOOD RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND MITIGATION REPORTING

Sec. 2061.001.  DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "state agency" means:

(1)  a department, commission, board, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government created by the state constitution or a state statute; and

(2)  a general academic teaching institution as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

Sec. 2061.002.  REPORT REQUIRED. (a)  A state agency that uses or disburses federal money for flood research, planning, or mitigation projects shall submit a report on a quarterly basis to the Texas Water Development Board.

(b)  The report shall include the following information about federal money used or disbursed for flood research, planning, or mitigation projects:

(1)  the original total of federal money received;

(2)  the amount of the federal money spent or disbursed to date; and

(3)  the eligibility requirements for receiving the federal money.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 16.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 16.025.  REPORTING OF FEDERAL MONEY USED FOR FLOOD RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND MITIGATION PROJECTS. The board shall maintain and make available on the board's Internet website a publicly accessible database of the information submitted under Section 2061.002, Government Code.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.