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H.B. No. 6

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to developing a disaster recovery task force to assist
with long-term disaster recovery.

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. DISASTER RECOVERY TASK FORCE. (a) The
division shall develop a disaster recovery task force to operate
throughout the long-term recovery period following natural and
man-made disasters by providing specialized assistance for
communities and individuals to address financial issues, available
federal assistance programs, and recovery and resiliency planning
to speed recovery efforts at the local level.

(b) The disaster recovery task force may include and use the
resources of:

(1) any appropriate state agencies, including
institutions of higher education; and

(2) organized volunteer groups.

(c) The disaster recovery task force shall develop
procedures for preparing and issuing a report listing each project
related to a disaster that qualifies for federal assistance. A
report must be submitted to the appropriate federal agencies as
soon as practicable after any disaster.

(d) Once each quarter, the disaster recovery task force

1 shall brief members of the legislature, legislative staff, and
2 state agency personnel on the response and recovery efforts for
3 previous disasters and any preparation or planning for potential
4 future hazards, threats, or disasters.

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