

AN ACT

relating to disaster relief and recovery.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 418.005(a), (b), (c), and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to:

(1) an elected law enforcement officer or county judge, or an appointed public officer of the state or of a political subdivision, who has management or supervisory responsibilities and:

(A) [~~(1)~~] whose position description, job duties, or assignment includes emergency management responsibilities; or

(B) [~~(2)~~] who plays a role in emergency preparedness, response, or recovery; and

(2) an emergency management coordinator designated under Section 418.1015(c) by the emergency management director of a county with a population of 500,000 or more.

(b) Each person described by Subsection (a) shall complete a course of training provided or approved by the division of not less than three hours regarding the responsibilities of state and local governments under this chapter not later than the 180th day after the date the person:

(1) takes the oath of office, if the person is required

1 to take an oath of office to assume the person's duties as a public
2 officer; ~~[or]~~

3 (2) otherwise assumes responsibilities as a public
4 officer, if the person is not required to take an oath of office to
5 assume the person's duties; or

6 (3) is designated as an emergency management
7 coordinator under Section 418.1015(c).

8 (c) The division shall develop and provide a training course
9 related to the emergency management responsibilities of
10 state-level officers and a training course related to the emergency
11 management responsibilities of officers and emergency management
12 coordinators of political subdivisions. The division shall ensure
13 that the training courses satisfy the requirements of Subsection
14 (b).

15 (e) The division or other entity providing the training
16 shall provide a certificate of course completion to a person
17 ~~[public officers]~~ who completes ~~[complete]~~ the training required by
18 this section. A person ~~[public officer]~~ who completes the training
19 required by this section shall maintain and make available for
20 public inspection the record of the person's ~~[public officer's]~~
21 completion of the training.

22 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
23 amended by adding Section 418.054 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 418.054. DISASTER RECOVERY TASK FORCE. (a) The
25 division shall develop a disaster recovery task force to operate
26 throughout the long-term recovery period following natural and
27 man-made disasters by providing specialized assistance for

1 communities and individuals to address financial issues, available
2 federal assistance programs, and recovery and resiliency planning
3 to speed recovery efforts at the local level.

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

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

8 (2) organized volunteer groups.

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

14 (d) Once each quarter, the disaster recovery task force
15 shall brief members of the legislature, legislative staff, and
16 state agency personnel on the response and recovery efforts for
17 previous disasters and any preparation or planning for potential
18 future hazards, threats, or disasters.

19 SECTION 3. Section 418.102, Government Code, is amended by
20 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

21 (a-1) An emergency management program required by
22 Subsection (a) and maintained by a county, or in which a county
23 participates, must provide for catastrophic debris management.

24 SECTION 4. Section 33.604, Natural Resources Code, is
25 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

26 (b-1) In addition to the money described by Subsection (b),
27 the account consists of money transferred to the account under

1 Section 156.252, Tax Code. This subsection expires September 1,
2 2031.

3 SECTION 5. Subchapter F, Chapter 156, Tax Code, is amended
4 by adding Section 156.252 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 156.252. TEMPORARY ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN REVENUE TO
6 BENEFIT COASTAL COUNTIES. (a) In this section, "coastal county"
7 means any county adjacent to:

8 (1) the Gulf of Mexico; or

9 (2) Corpus Christi Bay.

10 (b) Beginning with the state fiscal year beginning
11 September 1, 2021, and except as provided by Subsection (d), the
12 comptroller shall, not later than September 30 of each state fiscal
13 year:

14 (1) compute the amount of revenue derived from the
15 collection of taxes imposed under this chapter at a rate of two
16 percent and received from hotels located in coastal counties during
17 the preceding state fiscal year; and

18 (2) transfer that amount to the coastal erosion
19 response account created under Section 33.604, Natural Resources
20 Code.

21 (c) Revenue transferred under this section may be
22 appropriated only to the General Land Office for a purpose
23 consistent with Subchapter H, Chapter 33, Natural Resources Code,
24 that benefits a coastal county.

25 (d) Revenue derived from the collection of taxes under this
26 chapter that is placed in a suspense account under Section
27 151.429(h) or under Section 2303.5055(f), Government Code, is

1 excluded from the computation required by Subsection (b)(1).

2 (e) This section expires September 1, 2031.

3 SECTION 6. Not later than March 1, 2020, each person who is
4 required to complete a course of training under Section 418.005,
5 Government Code, as amended by this Act, must complete the
6 training.

7 SECTION 7. Not later than January 1, 2020, each county shall
8 provide for catastrophic debris management in the county's
9 emergency management program or in a program in which the county
10 participates as required by Section 418.102(a-1), Government Code,
11 as added by this Act.

12 SECTION 8. The Texas Division of Emergency Management is
13 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
14 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
15 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
16 purpose, the division may, but is not required to, implement a
17 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
18 purpose.

19 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 6 was passed by the House on April 11, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 6 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 6 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor