

1-1 By: Morrison, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 6  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;  
 1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Water  
 1-4 & Rural Affairs; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-13 | X   |     |        |     |
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to developing a disaster recovery task force to assist  
 1-18 with long-term disaster recovery.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is  
 1-21 amended by adding Section 418.054 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 418.054. DISASTER RECOVERY TASK FORCE. (a) The  
 1-23 division shall develop a disaster recovery task force to operate  
 1-24 throughout the long-term recovery period following natural and  
 1-25 man-made disasters by providing specialized assistance for  
 1-26 communities and individuals to address financial issues, available  
 1-27 federal assistance programs, and recovery and resiliency planning  
 1-28 to speed recovery efforts at the local level.

1-29 (b) The disaster recovery task force may include and use the  
 1-30 resources of:

1-31 (1) any appropriate state agencies, including  
 1-32 institutions of higher education; and

1-33 (2) organized volunteer groups.

1-34 (c) The disaster recovery task force shall develop  
 1-35 procedures for preparing and issuing a report listing each project  
 1-36 related to a disaster that qualifies for federal assistance. A  
 1-37 report must be submitted to the appropriate federal agencies as  
 1-38 soon as practicable after any disaster.

1-39 (d) Once each quarter, the disaster recovery task force  
 1-40 shall brief members of the legislature, legislative staff, and  
 1-41 state agency personnel on the response and recovery efforts for  
 1-42 previous disasters and any preparation or planning for potential  
 1-43 future hazards, threats, or disasters.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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