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H.B. No. 7

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to disaster preparation for state agencies and political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.0155 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.0155. SUSPENSION LIST. (a) The governor's office, using existing resources, shall compile and maintain a comprehensive list of regulatory statutes and rules that may require suspension during a disaster.

(b) On request by the governor's office, a state agency that would be impacted by the suspension of a statute or rule on the list compiled under Subsection (a) shall review the list for accuracy and shall advise the governor's office regarding any statutes or rules that should be added to the list.

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

Sec. 418.054. DISASTER PREPARATION CONTRACTS. (a) The division, in consultation with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, shall develop a plan to assist political subdivisions of this state with executing contracts for services that political subdivisions are likely to need following a disaster. The plan must include:

(1) training on the benefits to a political

1 subdivision from executing disaster preparation contracts in
2 advance of a disaster;

3 (2) recommendations on the services political
4 subdivisions are likely to need following a disaster, including
5 debris management and infrastructure repair; and

6 (3) assistance to political subdivisions with finding
7 persons capable of providing the services described by Subdivision
8 (2) and executing contracts with those persons in advance of a
9 disaster.

10 (b) The division shall consult with the comptroller
11 regarding including a contract for services a political subdivision
12 is likely to need following a disaster, including debris management
13 and infrastructure repair, on the schedule of multiple award
14 contracts developed under Subchapter I, Chapter 2155, or as part of
15 another cooperative purchasing program administered by the
16 comptroller.

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