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H.B. No. 1299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring the comptroller of public accounts to
3 establish and maintain a political subdivision disaster
4 expenditure database.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 403.0243 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 403.0243. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DISASTER EXPENDITURE
9 DATABASE. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Disaster" has the meaning assigned by Section
11 418.004.

12 (2) "Political subdivision" means a county,
13 municipality, school district, junior college district, other
14 special district, or other subdivision of state government.

15 (b) The comptroller shall establish and maintain on the
16 Internet an electronically searchable database that contains the
17 following information for each political subdivision:

18 (1) the total amount budgeted by the political
19 subdivision for disaster preparedness, response, rebuilding, and
20 mitigation in the most recent fiscal year of the political
21 subdivision that is complete;

22 (2) the total amount spent by the political
23 subdivision for disaster preparedness, response, rebuilding, and
24 mitigation in the most recent fiscal year of the political

1 subdivision that is complete; and

2 (3) the total amount received by the political
3 subdivision for disaster preparedness, response, rebuilding, and
4 mitigation in the most recent fiscal year of the political
5 subdivision that is complete from the following categories, stated
6 as a total amount and a per category amount:

7 (A) the federal government;

8 (B) the state government;

9 (C) another public entity, including another
10 political subdivision; and

11 (D) a private entity, including an insurance
12 company or nonprofit charitable organization.

13 (c) The comptroller shall update the information in the
14 database for a political subdivision not later than the 45th day
15 after the date on which the comptroller receives a report from the
16 political subdivision under Subsection (d).

17 (d) Each political subdivision shall, at the close of the
18 political subdivision's fiscal year, prepare and file with the
19 comptroller an annual report that contains for that fiscal year the
20 information described by Subsection (b). Each political
21 subdivision must file the report required by this subsection in a
22 form and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller. The
23 comptroller shall prepare a form for the report required by this
24 subsection.

25 (e) The comptroller shall establish procedures and adopt
26 rules to implement this section.

27 SECTION 2. The comptroller of public accounts shall:

1 (1) prepare and make available the form required by
2 Section 403.0243(d), Government Code, as added by this Act, not
3 later than October 1, 2019; and

4 (2) establish and post on the Internet the database
5 required by Section 403.0243, Government Code, as added by this
6 Act, not later than September 1, 2020.

7 SECTION 3. The first report required of a political
8 subdivision under Section 403.0243(d), Government Code, as added by
9 this Act, must be filed with the comptroller of public accounts at
10 the close of the political subdivision's 2019 fiscal year.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.