

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 86, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 86.82 to read as follows:

Sec. 86.82. INSTITUTE FOR A DISASTER RESILIENT TEXAS. (a)

In this section, "institute" means the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas.

(b) The Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas is a component of Texas A&M University.

(c) The institute is under the management and direction of the board.

(d) The institute shall:

(1) develop data analytics tools to support disaster planning, mitigation, response, and recovery by the state, its political subdivisions, and the public;

(2) create and maintain web-based analytical and visual tools to communicate disaster risks and ways to reduce those risks, including tools that work on the level of individual parcels of land;

(3) provide evidence-based information and solutions to aid in the formation of state and local partnerships to support disaster planning, mitigation, response, and recovery;

1 (4) collect, display, and communicate comprehensive
2 flood-related information, including applicable updated inundation
3 maps, for use by decision-makers and the public; and

4 (5) collaborate with institutions of higher
5 education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003, state
6 agencies, local governments, and other political subdivisions to
7 accomplish the purposes of this section.

8 (e) The institute may employ personnel, including experts
9 in planning, engineering, hydrology, ecology, and economics.

10 (f) The institute may accept a gift or grant from any public
11 or private source for the benefit of the institute.

12 SECTION 2. The Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas 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 institute may, but is not required to, implement a
17 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
18 purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2345 was passed by the House on April 11, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2345 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 128, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2345 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