

1-1 By: Walle, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2345  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;  
1-3 April 17, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Water  
1-4 & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 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   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-15 | X   |     |        |     |

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2345 By: Rodríguez

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the creation of the Institute for a Disaster Resilient  
1-20 Texas.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 86, Education Code, is  
1-23 amended by adding Section 86.82 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 86.82. INSTITUTE FOR A DISASTER RESILIENT TEXAS. (a)  
1-25 In this section, "institute" means the Institute for a Disaster  
1-26 Resilient Texas.

1-27 (b) The Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas is a  
1-28 component of Texas A&M University.

1-29 (c) The institute is under the management and direction of  
1-30 the board.

1-31 (d) The institute shall:

1-32 (1) develop data analytics tools to support disaster  
1-33 planning, mitigation, response, and recovery by the state, its  
1-34 political subdivisions, and the public;

1-35 (2) create and maintain web-based analytical and  
1-36 visual tools to communicate disaster risks and ways to reduce those  
1-37 risks, including tools that work on the level of individual parcels  
1-38 of land;

1-39 (3) provide evidence-based information and solutions  
1-40 to aid in the formation of state and local partnerships to support  
1-41 disaster planning, mitigation, response, and recovery;

1-42 (4) collect, display, and communicate comprehensive  
1-43 flood-related information, including applicable updated inundation  
1-44 maps, for use by decision-makers and the public; and

1-45 (5) collaborate with institutions of higher  
1-46 education, as that term is defined by Section 61.003, state  
1-47 agencies, local governments, and other political subdivisions to  
1-48 accomplish the purposes of this section.

1-49 (e) The institute may employ personnel, including experts  
1-50 in planning, engineering, hydrology, ecology, and economics.

1-51 (f) The institute may accept a gift or grant from any public  
1-52 or private source for the benefit of the institute.

1-53 SECTION 2. The Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas is  
1-54 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the  
1-55 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If  
1-56 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that  
1-57 purpose, the institute may, but is not required to, implement a  
1-58 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that  
1-59 purpose.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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