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H.B. No. 3022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to emergency warning systems operated by municipalities
3 and counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 418.1103 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 418.1103. LOCAL EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM. (a) In this
8 section, "contact information" means an individual's telephone
9 number, mobile telephone number, or e-mail address.

10 (b) For purposes of operating an emergency warning system
11 for residents of a political subdivision, the political subdivision
12 may contract with the department for disclosure by the department
13 of the contact information of a political subdivision resident who
14 consents to the disclosure for the purpose of participating in the
15 system.

16 (c) A participant in an emergency warning system described
17 by Subsection (b) may request removal from the system by submitting
18 a written request for removal to the applicable political
19 subdivision. On receipt of the request, the applicable political
20 subdivision shall remove the participant's contact information
21 from the system and cease issuing emergency warnings to the former
22 participant through the system.

23 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
24 is amended by adding Section 521.013 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 521.013. VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL EMERGENCY
2 WARNING SYSTEM. (a) In this section, "contact information" has the
3 meaning assigned by Section 418.1103, Government Code.

4 (b) When a person applies for an original or renewal
5 driver's license under this chapter, the person may consent to:

6 (1) participate in an emergency warning system
7 described by Section 418.1103, Government Code; and

8 (2) the disclosure by the department of the person's
9 contact information to the municipality or county, or both, in
10 which the person resides for the purpose of participating in an
11 emergency warning system operated by the municipality or county.

12 (c) The department shall include space on each application
13 for an original or renewal driver's license that allows a person
14 applying for an original or renewal driver's license to indicate
15 whether the person consents to participate in an emergency warning
16 system operated by the municipality or county, or both, in which the
17 person resides and consents to disclosure by the department of the
18 person's contact information to the municipality or county or both.

19 (d) The department shall disclose a person's contact
20 information to a municipality or county for participation in an
21 emergency notification system if:

22 (1) the person indicates the person's consent to
23 participate in an emergency notification system and to the
24 disclosure of the person's contact information under Subsection
25 (b); and

26 (2) the applicable municipality or county:

27 (A) operates an emergency notification system;

1 and

2 (B) has contracted with the department for the
3 disclosure of the person's contact information under Section
4 418.1103, Government Code.

5 (e) Contact information obtained by a municipality or
6 county under this section may not be used or disclosed for any
7 purpose other than enrolling a person in an emergency warning
8 system and issuing warnings to the person through the system.

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