

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information and outreach regarding hurricane preparedness and mitigation.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 418.127 and 418.128 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.127. HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS. The governor shall issue a proclamation each year before hurricane season instructing:

(1) individuals, including residential and commercial property owners, to prepare their property and communities for the upcoming hurricane season;

(2) state agencies to review and update their hurricane preparedness plans; and

(3) the following entities, to the extent practicable, to conduct community outreach and education activities on hurricane preparedness between May 25 and May 31 of each year:

(A) municipalities and counties;

(B) the division;

(C) the Texas Education Agency;

(D) the office of the comptroller;

(E) the Texas Department of Insurance; and

(F) the Department of State Health Services.

Sec. 418.128. HOUSING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION. The General Land Office shall conduct a public information campaign each year

1 before and during hurricane season to provide local officials and
2 the public with information regarding housing assistance that may
3 be available under state and federal law in the event of a major
4 hurricane or flooding event, including information about types of
5 assistance unavailable under that law.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.