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S.B. No. 428

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of using a single intake form for state and federal disaster assistance.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

(1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(2) "Division" means the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

(b) The commission and the division shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of developing:

(1) a single intake form that would compile all information needed to obtain disaster assistance from multiple state and federal programs for an individual who needs assistance as a result of a disaster; and

(2) an automated intake system for collecting the information.

(c) The commission and the division shall coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate state and federal agencies to conduct the study under Subsection (b) of this section. The commission and the division must determine whether the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate state and federal agencies will accept the single intake form.

1 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the commission and the
2 division shall prepare and submit a written report to the
3 legislature containing the findings of the study conducted under
4 Subsection (b) of this section and any recommendations to the
5 legislature.

6 SECTION 2. This Act expires January 1, 2021.

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