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S.B. No. 428

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study of using a single intake form for state and
3 federal disaster assistance.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (c) The commission and the division shall coordinate with
19 the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate state
20 and federal agencies to conduct the study under Subsection (b) of
21 this section. The commission and the division must determine
22 whether the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other
23 appropriate state and federal agencies will accept the single
24 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.