

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 982
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 1-4 Services; April 4, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 982 By: Kolkhorst

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to awareness of and access to health care service programs
 1-22 available during a disaster or emergency.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Sections 418.054 and 418.055 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 418.054. EMERGENCY PLAN FOR SPECIALTY CARE
 1-27 POPULATIONS. The division, in consultation with the Department of
 1-28 State Health Services and local governmental entities that have
 1-29 established emergency management plans, shall develop a plan to
 1-30 increase the capabilities of local emergency shelters in the
 1-31 provision of shelter and care for specialty care populations during
 1-32 a disaster.

1-33 Sec. 418.055. ACCESS TO LOCAL VOLUNTEER NETWORKS; VOLUNTEER
 1-34 MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS. (a) The division, in consultation with the
 1-35 Department of State Health Services, shall increase awareness of
 1-36 and encourage local government emergency response teams to utilize
 1-37 services provided by local volunteer networks, including the
 1-38 Medical Reserve Corps, that are available in the area to respond
 1-39 during a disaster or emergency.

1-40 (b) The division shall develop a plan to create and manage
 1-41 state-controlled volunteer mobile medical units in each public
 1-42 health region to assist counties that lack access to a volunteer
 1-43 network described by Subsection (a).

1-44 SECTION 2. The Texas Division of Emergency Management is
 1-45 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
 1-46 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
 1-47 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
 1-48 purpose, the division may, but is not required to, implement a
 1-49 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
 1-50 purpose.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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