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S.B. No. 1505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating the Texas Division of Emergency Management as the state liaison to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.054. LIAISON TO UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. (a) In this section, "corps of engineers" means the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

(b) The division is the state liaison to the corps of engineers except as provided by Section 16.091, Water Code.

(c) The division shall:

(1) serve as a clearinghouse for monitoring:

(A) federal appropriations for projects of the corps of engineers in this state; and

(B) projects of the corps of engineers that are under construction in this state, including:

(i) progress on the project and expected completion date; and

(ii) the total cost of the project, the amount and due date of any local matching funds requirement, any interest being incurred on the local matching funds, and how the local sponsor of the project plans to pay the local matching funds requirement;

1 (2) monitor studies being conducted in this state for
2 potential corps of engineers projects and how much the total cost
3 and local matching funds requirement would be for the project;

4 (3) develop statewide standards and guidelines for
5 complying with federal regulations and requirements for corps of
6 engineers project procurement; and

7 (4) act as a liaison between the corps of engineers,
8 relevant state agencies, and local sponsors of projects to ensure
9 efficient communication and consolidation of information relating
10 to existing and potential projects.

11 (d) This section may not be construed as making the division
12 or this state responsible for any local matching funds requirement
13 for a corps of engineers project.

14 (e) The division may delegate any of its responsibilities
15 and duties under this section to the Emergency Management Council,
16 if appropriate.

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