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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 160 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) On page 4, line 5, strike "\$1,000,000,000" and substitute
3 "\$784,000,000".

4 (2) Add the following SECTION to the bill and renumber
5 subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

6 SECTION _____. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
7 EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICTS. (a) The amount of \$216,000,000 is
8 appropriated to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for the
9 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act from
10 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal
11 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the
12 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited
13 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the
14 purpose of distributing the money, to the extent allowed by law,
15 to emergency services districts to support the districts'
16 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) mitigation efforts, provide premium
17 pay for essential workers, and replace lost public sector revenue.

18 (b) Out of money appropriated under Subsection (a) of this
19 section:

20 (1) \$125,000,000 may be used only for premium pay for
21 emergency services district firefighters;

22 (2) \$15,000,000 may be used only to offset inflation on
23 station construction projects and vehicle acquisitions that were
24 delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic;

1 (3) \$50,000,000 may be used only for emergency
2 generators and water supplies to keep stations and vehicles fully
3 operational during disasters; and

4 (4) \$26,000,000 may be used only to ensure interoperable
5 emergency communications with other agencies and entities.