BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The after-effects of Winter Storm Uri have left many within the State of Texas concerned about our state's readiness against natural disasters.

S.B. 1233 will require the Texas Military Department to study each Texas military facility and determine the facility's preparedness for natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, storms, floods and other extreme weather events. The department will then identify improvements necessary to each facility.

The Texas Military Department will submit a report to the legislature no later than December 1, 2022, and the study will expire on September 1, 2023.

As proposed, S.B. 1233 amends current law relating to a study of the disaster preparedness for each state military installation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 437, Government Code, by adding Section 437.164, as follows:

Sec. 437.164. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS STUDY. (a) Requires the Texas Military Department (TMD) to study each Texas military forces facility to determine the facility's preparedness for natural disasters, including hurricanes, tornadoes, severe storms, floods, and extreme weather events. Requires TMD to identify enhancements to each facility necessary to improve the installation's disaster preparedness.

- (b) Requires TMD, not later than December 1, 2022, to report its findings and any recommendations to the legislature.
- (c) Provides that this section expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.