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H.B. No. 3750

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to financial assistance by the Texas Water Development  
3 Board for backup power generators in economically distressed areas  
4 for public water supply and sanitary sewer systems.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 17, Water Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 17.9227 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 17.9227. GENERATORS TO SUPPORT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER  
9 SERVICE. (a) The legislature finds that it is in the public  
10 interest to use funds in the economically distressed areas account  
11 to provide financial assistance for the costs associated with  
12 backup power generators for facilities of public water supply and  
13 sanitary sewer systems.

14 (b) A political subdivision may use financial assistance to  
15 pay for the installation, maintenance, operation, and fueling of a  
16 backup power generator for a facility of a public water supply and  
17 sanitary sewer system.

18 (c) Assistance under this section shall only be provided to  
19 political subdivisions that demonstrate an inability to pay for the  
20 installation, maintenance, operation, and fueling of a backup power  
21 generator described by Subsection (b) in accordance with board  
22 rules. If the board determines that a political subdivision to  
23 which assistance has been provided is ineligible to receive the  
24 assistance, the board may seek reimbursement from the political

1 subdivision.

2 (d) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.