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H.B. No. 4517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to disaster mitigation for critical infrastructure sectors.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.130 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.130. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Chief" means the chief of the division appointed under Section 418.041.

(2) "Critical infrastructure sector" means a critical infrastructure sector identified in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21), Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (2013).

(b) The chief shall:

(1) establish and maintain a disaster mitigation program for preventing discontinuation of or disruption to each critical infrastructure sector;

(2) require the division to include disaster mitigation provisions for preventing discontinuation of or disruption to each critical infrastructure sector in the state emergency management plan;

(3) seek appropriate funding sources as needed to establish and maintain the program described by Subdivision (1);

1 (4) coordinate with federal, state, and local
2 officials on the program described by Subdivision (1);

3 (5) ensure that the program described by Subdivision
4 (1) is updated annually; and

5 (6) contract with an independent auditor to annually
6 audit the program described by Subdivision (1).

7 (c) The chief may consult with the governor, lieutenant
8 governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and other
9 experts as necessary on the aspects of the program described by
10 Subsection (b)(1) that involve private property rights.

11 (d) The chief shall submit the results of an audit conducted
12 under Subsection (b)(6) to the governor, lieutenant governor, and
13 speaker of the house of representatives who shall send confirmation
14 of the receipt of the results, along with any proposals for
15 addressing issues identified in the results, to the state auditor.

16 (e) After each legislative session, the state auditor shall
17 prepare a report on any changes in state law made to address issues
18 identified in the results of an audit conducted under Subsection
19 (b)(6).

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