

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a personal protective equipment reserve advisory committee established by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 81.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.016. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "division" means the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

(b) The division shall establish the Personal Protective Equipment Reserve Advisory Committee composed of the following members appointed by the division:

(1) one representative of an association representing different types of hospitals and health systems;

(2) one representative of an association representing nursing facilities;

(3) one representative of an association representing primary care clinics;

(4) one representative of an association representing nurses;

(5) one representative of an association representing home hospice care providers;

(6) one representative of a statewide association

1 representing physicians;

2 (7) two representatives of labor organizations that
3 represent essential personnel;

4 (8) one representative from the personal protective
5 equipment manufacturing industry;

6 (9) one consumer representative;

7 (10) one representative from an association
8 representing counties;

9 (11) one representative from the department;

10 (12) one representative from the division; and

11 (13) one representative from the commission.

12 (c) The advisory committee shall make recommendations to
13 the division as necessary on:

14 (1) the procurements needed for a statewide personal
15 protective equipment reserve;

16 (2) the storage of the equipment in the reserve; and

17 (3) the distribution of the equipment to health care
18 workers and essential personnel.

19 (d) This section expires and the advisory committee is
20 abolished September 1, 2023.

21 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
22 of this Act, the Texas Division of Emergency Management shall
23 appoint members to the Personal Protective Equipment Reserve
24 Advisory Committee established under Section 81.016, Health and
25 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

26 SECTION 3. The Texas Division of Emergency Management is
27 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the

1 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose or if
2 federal money is provided to this state and by law made available to
3 the division for the purposes of this Act. If the legislature does
4 not appropriate money specifically for that purpose and federal
5 money is not available for that purpose, the division may, but is
6 not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other
7 appropriations that are available for that purpose.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.