By:  Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 3223

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023; May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 15, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

LaMantia        X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry                     X

Schwertner                X

Zaffirini                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the management of a declared state of disaster.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 418.113(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d)  The chair of the emergency management council [~~public safety director of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas~~] shall appoint a chair of each disaster district committee based on the declared disaster and phase of disaster response in accordance with the National Incident Management System guidelines [~~commanding officer from the Texas Highway Patrol to serve as chair of each disaster district committee~~]. The chair of each disaster district committee shall:

(1)  inform the chair of the emergency management council [~~state Director of Homeland Security~~] on all matters relating to disasters and emergencies as requested by the chair of the emergency management council [~~state Director of Homeland Security~~]; and

(2)  inform the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas on all matters as requested by the public safety director.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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