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H.B. No. 5

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to making supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding those appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: FEMA MATCH AND DISASTER FUNDS. The amount of \$200,000,000 is appropriated from the economic stabilization fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used:

(1) to match federal money received related to disaster response, relief, and recovery; and

(2) for the disaster needs of this state in a manner consistent with Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, as listed in Chapter 1170 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), and Chapter 1185 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 (the General Appropriations Act).

SECTION 2. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: LOCAL GRANTS. The amount of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the economic stabilization fund to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for the purpose of

1 making grants to assist counties, municipalities, or other local
2 governments operating within Bandera, Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell,
3 Coke, Comal, Concho, Edwards, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hamilton,
4 Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Maverick,
5 McCulloch, Menard, Real, Reeves, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom
6 Green, Travis, Uvalde, or Williamson County, as provided by the
7 governor's declaration of disaster on July 4, 2025, regarding a
8 heavy rainfall and flooding event and the subsequent amendments to
9 that declaration, in establishing and implementing a system of
10 flood warning sirens and rain gauges and purchasing other related
11 equipment.

12 SECTION 3. TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE
13 GOVERNOR: METEOROLOGICAL FORECASTING. The amount of \$24,000,000 is
14 appropriated from the economic stabilization fund to the Trusteed
15 Programs within the Office of the Governor for the two-year period
16 beginning on the effective date of this Act to be used for the
17 purpose of providing disaster preparedness grants to improve
18 meteorological forecasting, enhance weather intelligence and
19 forecasting accuracy, and improve flood management and timeliness
20 of flood warnings in the Texas Hill Country through high resolution
21 integrated weather solutions.

22 SECTION 4. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS: INTEROPERABLE
23 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. (a) Contingent on the enactment of
24 H.B. 3 or similar legislation of the 89th Legislature, 2nd Called
25 Session, 2025, relating to the interoperability of emergency
26 communication equipment and infrastructure in this state,
27 including the creation and operation of the Texas Interoperability

1 Council, a grant program administered by the council, and the
2 purchase of certain public safety radio communication systems, the
3 amount of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the economic
4 stabilization fund to the Texas Interoperability Council for use by
5 the council during the two-year period beginning on the effective
6 date of this Act to implement the provisions of that legislation.

7 (b) Contingent on the failure to enact H.B. 3 or similar
8 legislation of the 89th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2025,
9 relating to the interoperability of emergency communication
10 equipment and infrastructure in this state, including the creation
11 and operation of the Texas Interoperability Council, a grant
12 program administered by the council, and the purchase of certain
13 public safety radio communication systems:

14 (1) the amount of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the
15 economic stabilization fund to the comptroller of public accounts
16 for immediate deposit to the emergency radio infrastructure account
17 number 5153; and

18 (2) the amount of \$50,000,000 is appropriated from the
19 emergency radio infrastructure account number 5153 to the Trusteed
20 Programs within the Office of the Governor to be used during the
21 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for the
22 governor's interoperable radio communications program in
23 accordance with Subchapter F, Chapter 421, Government Code.

24 SECTION 5. LIMITATION, REPORTING, AND TRANSFER PROVISIONS
25 OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACTS APPLY. Unless explicitly stated
26 otherwise, the provisions relating to limitations, reporting, or
27 transfer of Chapter 1170 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 88th Legislature,

1 Regular Session, 2023 (the General Appropriations Act), and Chapter
2 1185 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025
3 (the General Appropriations Act), apply to the appropriations made
4 by this Act.

5 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of
6 this section, this Act takes effect immediately.

7 (b) This Act takes effect only if it receives a vote of
8 two-thirds of the members present in each house of the legislature,
9 as provided by Section [49-g\(m\)](#), Article III, Texas Constitution.