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When first responders arrive at a scene, it is often their first time physically at the location, making their ability to effectively navigate the area crucial in situations of life and death. Detailed critical infrastructure maps that highlight the location, condition, and operational status of critical infrastructure can prove to be useful tools in managing these efforts, as they allow emergency responders to quickly assess a situation and make informed decisions that prioritize the protection and restoration of essential services. As technological advancements such as Geographic Information Systems, satellite imaging, and real-time data integration evolve, there is a growing opportunity to improve the mapping and monitoring of critical infrastructure. H.B. 4341 seeks to address these gaps by establishing standards for the creation, updating, and accessibility of critical infrastructure maps by requiring critical infrastructure facilities to provide standardized, detailed emergency response maps to the Department of Public Safety and local public safety entities and by establishing a grant program to assist facilities with compliance.

H.B. 4341 amends current law relating to critical infrastructure facility emergency response maps and the critical infrastructure emergency response map grant program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Department of Public Safety of Texas in SECTION 1 (Section 424.154, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 424, Government Code, by adding Subchapter D, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAP AND GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 424.151. DEFINITIONS. Defines "department," "fund," "grant program," "public safety agency," and "public safety answering point."

Sec. 424.152. APPLICABILITY. Provides that this subchapter applies only to a critical infrastructure facility that is a public or private airport depicted in any current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation Administration or a military installation owned or operated by or for this state or another governmental entity.

Sec. 424.153. EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAP AND TOUR. (a) Requires each critical infrastructure facility to which this subchapter applies to provide to the Department of Public Safety of Texas (DPS) and appropriate public safety agencies:

- (1) an accurate emergency response map of the facility that is developed in accordance with the standards described by Subsection (b); and
- (2) an opportunity to tour the facility using the map described by Subdivision (1) to verify the map's accuracy.

(b) Requires that an emergency response map meet certain criteria.

(c) Provides that a critical infrastructure facility to which this subchapter applies is authorized to only provide an emergency response map to DPS and appropriate public safety agencies for purposes of developing a verified source of critical infrastructure mapping data in this state and ensuring efficient emergency response for the facility.

(d) Prohibits a critical infrastructure facility to which this subchapter applies from providing or making available to the public an emergency response map.

Sec. 424.154. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAP GRANT PROGRAM. (a) Requires DPS to establish and administer a grant program to provide mapping services for critical infrastructure facilities to which this subchapter applies to develop emergency response maps required under Section 424.153.

(b) Provides that a grant awarded under this section is authorized to only be used to obtain mapping services for a critical infrastructure facility to which this subchapter applies to provide the emergency response map required under Section 424.153.

(c) Provides that a mapping service provider who is a recipient of grant money is required to provide an emergency response map to the critical infrastructure facility, DPS, and appropriate public safety agencies and authorized to only charge a fee for the initial production cost for the map.

(d) Requires DPS to adopt rules to administer the grant program established under this section, including eligibility standards and procedures for applying for a grant under this section.

(e) Provides that DPS is authorized to award a grant under the grant program only in accordance with a contract between DPS and a grant recipient. Requires that the contract include provisions under which DPS is granted sufficient control to ensure the public purpose of providing emergency response mapping services to critical infrastructure facilities to which this subchapter applies is accomplished and the state receives a return benefit.

Sec. 424.155. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE EMERGENCY RESPONSE MAP FUND. (a) Provides that the critical infrastructure emergency response map fund (fund) is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund administered by DPS.

(b) Provides that the fund consists of certain monies.

(c) Provides that money in the fund is authorized to be appropriated only to DPS to administer the grant program and award grants under Section 424.154.

SECTION 2. Requires DPS, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, to establish the grant program required under Section 424.154, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.