

1-1 By: Morrison, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 7
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;
1-3 April 25, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Business & Commerce; May 15, 2019, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to disaster preparation for state agencies and political
1-20 subdivisions.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 418.0155 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 418.0155. SUSPENSION LIST. (a) The governor's
1-25 office, using existing resources, shall compile and maintain a
1-26 comprehensive list of regulatory statutes and rules that may
1-27 require suspension during a disaster.

1-28 (b) On request by the governor's office, a state agency that
1-29 would be impacted by the suspension of a statute or rule on the list
1-30 compiled under Subsection (a) shall review the list for accuracy
1-31 and shall advise the governor's office regarding any statutes or
1-32 rules that should be added to the list.

1-33 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
1-34 amended by adding Section 418.054 to read as follows:

1-35 Sec. 418.054. DISASTER PREPARATION CONTRACTS. (a) The
1-36 division, in consultation with other state agencies the division
1-37 considers appropriate, shall develop a plan to assist political
1-38 subdivisions of this state with executing contracts for services
1-39 that political subdivisions are likely to need following a
1-40 disaster. The plan must include:

1-41 (1) training on the benefits to a political
1-42 subdivision from executing disaster preparation contracts in
1-43 advance of a disaster;

1-44 (2) recommendations on the services political
1-45 subdivisions are likely to need following a disaster, including
1-46 debris management and infrastructure repair; and

1-47 (3) assistance to political subdivisions with finding
1-48 persons capable of providing the services described by Subdivision
1-49 (2) and executing contracts with those persons in advance of a
1-50 disaster.

1-51 (b) The division shall consult with the comptroller
1-52 regarding including a contract for services a political subdivision
1-53 is likely to need following a disaster, including debris management
1-54 and infrastructure repair, on the schedule of multiple award
1-55 contracts developed under Subchapter I, Chapter 2155, or as part of
1-56 another cooperative purchasing program administered by the
1-57 comptroller.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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