

1-1 By: Morrison, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 2305
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;
 1-3 April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Water
 1-4 & Rural Affairs; May 13, 2019, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a work group on enhancing the training and
 1-18 credentialing of emergency management personnel.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-21 (1) "Disaster" has the meaning assigned by Section
 1-22 418.004, Government Code.

1-23 (2) "Emergency management director" and "emergency
 1-24 management coordinator" mean the director and coordinator,
 1-25 respectively, designated under Section 418.1015, Government Code.

1-26 (3) "Work group" means the work group established
 1-27 under Section 2 of this Act.

1-28 SECTION 2. WORK GROUP. The Texas Division of Emergency
 1-29 Management shall establish a work group of persons knowledgeable on
 1-30 emergency management to study and develop a proposal for enhancing
 1-31 the training and credentialing of emergency management directors,
 1-32 emergency management coordinators, and other emergency management
 1-33 personnel on the state or local level.

1-34 SECTION 3. STUDY AND PROPOSAL. (a) As part of the study and
 1-35 proposal under Section 2 of this Act, the work group shall:

1-36 (1) assess the training and credentials necessary for
 1-37 emergency management directors, emergency management coordinators,
 1-38 and other emergency management personnel on the state or local
 1-39 level to effectively oversee the response to and recovery from a
 1-40 disaster, including reviewing current required training courses;
 1-41 and

1-42 (2) consult with institutions of higher education, as
 1-43 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, on the development of
 1-44 degree programs in emergency management in addition to the programs
 1-45 that exist in this state on the effective date of this Act.

1-46 (b) In conducting the assessment required by Subsection
 1-47 (a)(1) of this section, the work group shall consider:

1-48 (1) whether the differences in geography, population,
 1-49 and critical infrastructure between emergency management
 1-50 directors' or emergency management coordinators' jurisdictions
 1-51 warrant different levels of training and credentialing;

1-52 (2) whether the legislature should enact laws
 1-53 requiring an emergency management director or emergency management
 1-54 coordinator to participate in emergency management training and
 1-55 credentialing before overseeing the response to and recovery from a
 1-56 disaster;

1-57 (3) whether to include in any training required under
 1-58 Subdivision (2) of this subsection information on disaster finance,
 1-59 damage assessment, disaster contracting, debris management, and
 1-60 skills needed to participate in federal emergency management
 1-61 programs;

2-1 (4) whether to implement incentives for emergency
2-2 management directors, emergency management coordinators, and any
2-3 other emergency management personnel to complete additional
2-4 training and continuing education; and

2-5 (5) proposals for paying the cost for training for
2-6 emergency management directors and emergency management
2-7 coordinators that is more rigorous than the training required by
2-8 law for the directors and coordinators on the effective date of this
2-9 Act.

2-10 (c) Not later than November 1, 2020, the work group shall
2-11 submit the proposal required under this section to:

2-12 (1) members of the legislature; and

2-13 (2) the governor.

2-14 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. The work group is abolished and this
2-15 Act expires January 1, 2021.

2-16 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
2-17 1, 2019.

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