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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 6 By: Kolkhorst

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to emergency and disaster management, response, and
 1-20 recovery.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 418.005, Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (c-1) The training course provided under this section
 1-25 related to the emergency management responsibilities of officers of
 1-26 political subdivisions must include training based on the disaster
 1-27 response guide as required by Section 418.054(b).

1-28 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 418, Government Code, is
 1-29 amended by adding Sections 418.054, 418.055, 418.056, 418.057, and
 1-30 418.058 to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 418.054. DISASTER RESPONSE GUIDE. (a) The division
 1-32 shall develop a model guide for local officials regarding disaster
 1-33 response and recovery. The guide must provide a comprehensive
 1-34 approach to disaster recovery by local officials and include
 1-35 information on:

- 1-36 (1) contracting for debris removal;
- 1-37 (2) obtaining federal disaster funding;
- 1-38 (3) coordinating the availability and construction of
 1-39 short-term and long-term housing; and
- 1-40 (4) obtaining assistance from local, state, and
 1-41 federal volunteer organizations.

1-42 (b) The division, in coordination with the Texas A&M
 1-43 AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension
 1-44 Service, shall provide training based on the disaster response
 1-45 guide as a part of the emergency management training course
 1-46 provided under Section 418.005.

1-47 Sec. 418.055. CATASTROPHIC DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
 1-48 TRAINING. (a) The division, in consultation with the Emergency
 1-49 Management Council, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the
 1-50 Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, the Texas Commission on
 1-51 Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Transportation, the
 1-52 comptroller, and political subdivisions, shall develop a
 1-53 catastrophic debris management plan and model guide for use by
 1-54 political subdivisions in the event of a disaster.

1-55 (b) The plan must:
 1-56 (1) provide a guide for clearance and disposal of
 1-57 debris caused by a disaster; and

1-58 (2) include:
 1-59 (A) provisions for the use of trench burners and
 1-60 air curtain incinerators of vegetative debris, including

2-1 identifying sources of equipment for use immediately following a
 2-2 disaster; and

2-3 (B) contracting standards and a model contract
 2-4 for use in procuring debris removal services following a disaster.

2-5 (c) The division shall consult with the comptroller about
 2-6 including a contract for debris removal services on the schedule of
 2-7 multiple award contracts developed under Subchapter I, Chapter
 2-8 2155, or in another cooperative purchasing program administered by
 2-9 the comptroller.

2-10 (d) The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, in
 2-11 coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,
 2-12 shall establish a training program for state agencies and political
 2-13 subdivisions on the use of trench burners in debris removal.

2-14 Sec. 418.056. DISASTER RECOVERY TASK FORCE. (a) The
 2-15 division shall develop a disaster recovery task force to operate
 2-16 throughout the long-term recovery period following natural and
 2-17 man-made disasters by providing specialized assistance for
 2-18 communities and individuals to address financial issues, available
 2-19 federal assistance programs, and recovery and resiliency planning
 2-20 to speed recovery efforts at the local level.

2-21 (b) The disaster recovery task force may include and use the
 2-22 resources of:

2-23 (1) The Texas A&M University System, including the
 2-24 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas A&M Engineering
 2-25 Extension Service, and the Texas A&M Forest Service;

2-26 (2) other appropriate state agencies; and

2-27 (3) organized volunteer groups.

2-28 (c) The disaster recovery task force shall develop
 2-29 procedures for preparing and issuing a report listing each project
 2-30 related to a disaster that qualifies for federal assistance. A
 2-31 report must be submitted to the appropriate federal agencies as
 2-32 soon as practicable after any disaster.

2-33 (d) Once each quarter, the disaster recovery task force
 2-34 shall brief members of the legislature, legislative staff, and
 2-35 state agency personnel on the response and recovery efforts for
 2-36 previous disasters and any preparation or planning for potential
 2-37 future hazards, threats, or disasters.

2-38 Sec. 418.057. WET DEBRIS STUDY GROUP. (a) In this
 2-39 section, "study group" means the wet debris study group established
 2-40 under this section.

2-41 (b) The wet debris study group is established and consists
 2-42 of the following members:

2-43 (1) each member of the Emergency Management Council;

2-44 (2) representatives from river authorities appointed
 2-45 by the governor;

2-46 (3) environmental experts appointed by the governor;
 2-47 and

2-48 (4) a representative from the Texas Historical
 2-49 Commission appointed by the governor.

2-50 (c) The study group shall study issues related to preventing
 2-51 the creation of wet debris and best practices for clearing wet
 2-52 debris following a disaster, including:

2-53 (1) the creation of maintenance programs for bodies of
 2-54 water in this state;

2-55 (2) issues related to the clearance of wet debris on
 2-56 private property following a disaster; and

2-57 (3) potential sources of funding for the clearance of
 2-58 wet debris following a disaster.

2-59 (d) Not later than November 1, 2020, the study group shall
 2-60 submit a report containing recommendations on the issues described
 2-61 by Subsection (c) to each member of the legislature.

2-62 (e) The study group is abolished and this section expires
 2-63 January 1, 2021.

2-64 Sec. 418.058. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP. (a) In
 2-65 this section:

2-66 (1) "Emergency management director" and "emergency
 2-67 management coordinator" mean the director and coordinator,
 2-68 respectively, designated under Section 418.1015.

2-69 (2) "Work group" means the work group established

3-1 under this section.

3-2 (b) The division shall establish a work group of persons
3-3 knowledgeable on emergency management to study and develop a
3-4 proposal for enhancing the training and credentialing of emergency
3-5 management directors and emergency management coordinators.

3-6 (c) As part of the study and proposal under Subsection (b),
3-7 the work group shall:

3-8 (1) assess the training and credentials necessary for
3-9 emergency management directors and emergency management
3-10 coordinators to effectively oversee the response to and recovery
3-11 from a disaster; and

3-12 (2) consult with institutions of higher education as
3-13 defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, on the development of
3-14 degree programs in emergency management in addition to the programs
3-15 that exist in this state on September 1, 2019.

3-16 (d) In conducting the assessment required by Subsection
3-17 (c)(1), the work group shall consider:

3-18 (1) whether the differences in geography, population,
3-19 and critical infrastructure between emergency management
3-20 directors' or emergency management coordinators' jurisdictions
3-21 warrant different levels of training and credentialing;

3-22 (2) whether the legislature should enact laws
3-23 requiring an emergency management director or emergency management
3-24 coordinator to participate in emergency management training and
3-25 credentialing before overseeing the response to and recovery from a
3-26 disaster;

3-27 (3) whether to implement incentives for emergency
3-28 management directors, emergency management coordinators, and any
3-29 other emergency management personnel to complete additional
3-30 training and continuing education; and

3-31 (4) proposals for paying the cost for training for
3-32 emergency management directors and emergency management
3-33 coordinators that is more rigorous than the training required by
3-34 law for the directors and coordinators on September 1, 2019.

3-35 (e) Not later than November 1, 2020, the work group shall
3-36 submit the proposal required under this section to the governor,
3-37 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
3-38 members of the legislature.

3-39 (f) The work group is abolished and this section expires
3-40 January 1, 2021.

3-41 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas
3-42 Division of Emergency Management shall develop the catastrophic
3-43 debris management plan and model guide required by Section 418.055,
3-44 Government Code, as added by this Act.

3-45 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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