

- SUBJECT:** Studying disaster preparedness for certain state military installations
- COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Raymond, Buckley, Cyrier, Gervin-Hawkins, E. Morales, Tinderholt
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Biedermann, Lambert, Lopez
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 19 — 30-1 (Springer)
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jim Brennan, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations; Joshua Houston, Texas Impact; Julie Campbell)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Some have proposed that the Texas Military Department prepare for future natural disasters by studying the preparedness of its facilities.
- DIGEST:** SB 1233 would require the Texas Military Department to study certain facilities of the Texas military forces to determine the facility's preparedness for natural disasters, including hurricanes, tornadoes, severe storms, floods, and extreme weather events. The facilities would include:
- Camp Bowie;
 - Camp Maxey;
 - Camp Swift;
 - Fort Wolters;
 - Camp Mabry; and
 - the facilities located at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The department would be required to identify enhancements to each facility necessary to improve the installation's disaster preparedness.

The department would have to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2022.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

NOTES:

According to the Legislative Budget Board, the bill would have an estimated negative impact of \$900,000 to general revenue through fiscal 2023.

The House companion bill, HB 3277 by Raymond, was considered by the House Defense and Veterans' Affairs Committee in a public hearing on March 29 and left pending.