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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Texas has a 367-mile coastline bordering the Gulf of Mexico along which slightly over 25 percent of the state's 20 million residents live. In the next ten years, this population is estimated to increase more than 13 percent within the 18-county coastal region, leaving 5.8 million Texans in an area prone to natural disasters such as hurricanes. As proposed, S.B. 1203 directs the division of emergency management in the office of the governor to provide certain processes undertaken by political subdivisions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the division of emergency management in the office of the governor in SECTION 2 (Section 418.0425, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 418.042(a), Government Code, to require the state's emergency management plan to include a coastal hazard reduction and recovery annex as described by Section 418.0425 and to authorize it to include certain information.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 418C, Government Code, by adding Section 418.0425, as follows:

Sec. 418.0425. COASTAL HAZARD REDUCTION AND RECOVERY ANNEX.

Requires the division of emergency management in the governor's office (division) to prepare a coastal hazard reduction and recovery annex to the state emergency management plan.

Requires the annex to include certain information. Requires the division to adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

Requires the division of emergency management to implement the Coastal Hazard Reduction and Recovery Annex as described by Section 418.0425, Government Code, as added by this Act, on or before March 1, 2002.