

- SUBJECT:** Contracting for a disaster case management system
- COMMITTEE:** Homeland Security and Public Safety — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Nevárez, Paul, Burns, Calanni, Clardy, Goodwin, Israel, Lang, Tinderholt
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Rhonda Sepulveda, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; Fatima Mann, Community Advocacy and Healing Project; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Stephanie Hayden, City of Austin; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Jessica Anderson, Houston Police Department; Ben Zeller, Texas Association of Counties; Gabriela Villareal, Texas Conference of Urban Counties; Perry Fowler, Texas Water Infrastructure Network; Jimmy Kendrick, Town of Fulton; Kay Roach, Town of Woodsboro; Deece Eckstein, Travis County Commissioners Court; Augustus Campbell, West Houston Association; and 14 individuals)
- Against — None
- On — Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Emergency Management Council; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Chris Adams, Health and Human Services Commission)
- DIGEST:** CSHB 1307 would require the Texas Division of Emergency Management, subject to the availability of funds, to contract with a vendor to develop and maintain an electronic disaster case management system.
- The system could be used for case management during and after a disaster by persons selected by the division, including:
- a person affected by a disaster;
  - a municipality or county affected by a disaster;

- the Health and Human Services Commission;
- the General Land Office;
- the Department of State Health Services;
- the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles;
- the Texas Workforce Commission;
- the Texas Department of Insurance;
- the Department of Agriculture;
- appropriate federal agencies; and
- any other appropriate entity.

CSHB 1307 would require that the system allow the person affected by the disaster to control which other users of the system had access to the information that the person had submitted to the system. The system could include the capability for the person affected by a disaster to apply for assistance from multiple sources.

The bill would require that any information collected or maintained by the system that could identify a person affected by a disaster be confidential, except for the disclosure to a governmental body for the purpose of disaster relief or recovery.

The division would be required to adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.