Chapter 1299

1   AN ACT

2   relating to grants for disaster response by nonprofit food banks.

3   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4   SECTION 1.   Subchapter B, Chapter 418, Government Code, is

5   amended by adding Section 418.026 to read as follows:

6   Sec. 418.026.   GRANTS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE BY NONPROFIT

7   FOOD BANKS.   (a)   In this section, "nonprofit food bank" means a

8   nonprofit   organization   that   solicits,   warehouses,   and

9   redistributes edible food to agencies that feed needy families and

10   individuals.

11   (b)   Using money available for the purpose, the office of the

12   governor shall establish a program to provide grants to nonprofit

13   organizations in this state for distribution to nonprofit food

14   banks to build the capacity of the nonprofit food banks to respond

15   to disasters.

16   (c)   To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a

17   nonprofit organization must:

18   (1)   have   at   least   five   years   of   experience

19   coordinating a statewide network of nonprofit food banks and

20   charitable organizations that distribute food to needy or low

21   income individuals during disasters; and

22   (2)   be a member of the Texas Voluntary Organizations

23   Active in Disaster.

24   (d)   Grant money awarded under this section may be used only

1 to reimburse a nonprofit food bank for all or part of the costs

2 incurred by the nonprofit food bank as a result of:

3 (1) maintaining an inventory of emergency food boxes

4 in preparation for a disaster;

5 (2) purchasing, storing, and transporting food for

6 distribution during a disaster; and

7 (3) purchasing capital equipment necessary to operate

8 during a disaster, including back-up generators, mobile food

9 pantries, trucks, meal preparation units, forklifts, technology,

10 and other equipment.

11 (e) The office of the governor shall establish procedures to

12 administer the grant program, including a procedure for the

13 submission of a proposal and a procedure to be used by the office to
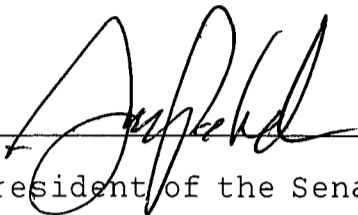
14 evaluate a proposal.

15 (f) The office of the governor shall enter into a contract

16 that includes performance requirements with each grant recipient.

17 The office shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract. The

18 contract must authorize the office to recoup grant money from a

19 grant recipient for failure of the grant recipient to comply with

20 the terms of the contract.

21 (g) The office of the governor may solicit and accept gifts,

22 grants, and donations from any source for the purpose of awarding

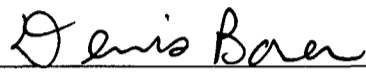23 grants under this section.

24 SECTION 2. The office of the governor is required to

25 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature

26 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the

27 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that

1 purpose, the office may, but is not required to, implement a

2 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that

3 purpose.

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

H.B. No. 3668

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3668 was passed by the House on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 118, Nays 21, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3668 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 25, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3668 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: __6 - 13 - 2019__
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Governor

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