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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to information on projected changes in weather, water
3 availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain
4 state agencies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2056.002(b), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office
9 of Budget, Policy, and Planning shall determine the elements
10 required to be included in each agency's strategic plan. Unless
11 modified by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office
12 of Budget, Policy, and Planning, and except as provided by
13 Subsection (c), a plan must include:

14 (1) a statement of the mission and goals of the state
15 agency;

16 (2) a description of the indicators developed under
17 this chapter and used to measure the output and outcome of the
18 agency;

19 (3) identification of the groups of people served by
20 the agency, including those having service priorities, or other
21 service measures established by law, and estimates of changes in
22 those groups expected during the term of the plan;

23 (4) an analysis of the use of the agency's resources to
24 meet the agency's needs, including future needs, and an estimate of

1 additional resources that may be necessary to meet future needs;

2 (5) an analysis of expected changes in the services
3 provided by the agency because of changes in state or federal law;

4 (6) a description of the means and strategies for
5 meeting the agency's needs, including future needs, and achieving
6 the goals established under Section 2056.006 for each area of state
7 government for which the agency provides services;

8 (7) a description of the capital improvement needs of
9 the agency during the term of the plan and a statement, if
10 appropriate, of the priority of those needs;

11 (8) identification of each geographic region of this
12 state, including the Texas-Louisiana border region and the
13 Texas-Mexico border region, served by the agency, and if
14 appropriate the agency's means and strategies for serving each
15 region;

16 (9) a description of the training of the agency's
17 contract managers under Section 2262.053;

18 (10) an analysis of the agency's expected expenditures
19 that relate to federally owned or operated military installations
20 or facilities, or communities where a federally owned or operated
21 military installation or facility is located;

22 (11) an analysis of the strategic use of information
23 resources as provided by the instructions prepared under Section
24 2054.095; ~~and~~

25 (12) for the Department of Agriculture, Texas
26 Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Texas
27 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Department of

1 Insurance, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Public
2 Safety, Public Utility Commission of Texas, office of the
3 comptroller, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Water Development
4 Board:

5 (A) an analysis of expected changes, including
6 adverse impacts, in the services provided by the agency because of
7 projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate
8 variability, as determined by the Texas state climatologist's
9 report under Section 2056.005(c);

10 (B) for each period described in Section
11 2056.005(c), a description of the means and strategies for meeting
12 the agency's needs and managing the risks associated with the
13 projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate
14 variability as determined by the report; and

15 (C) for the means and strategies described by
16 Paragraph (B):

17 (i) identification of any financial
18 resources that will be needed to carry out those means and
19 strategies; and

20 (ii) an analysis of partnerships and
21 cooperation between the agency and other state, local, and federal
22 governmental entities that will be needed to carry out those means
23 and strategies; and

24 (13) other information that may be required.

25 SECTION 2. Section 2056.005, Government Code, is amended by
26 adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

27 (c) Not later than February 1 of each even-numbered year,

1 the Texas state climatologist shall provide to the Legislative
2 Budget Board, for use in the strategic planning of a state agency
3 listed in Section 2056.002(b)(12), a report on projected changes in
4 weather, water availability, and climate variability across the
5 state for a period of:

6 (1) five years beginning with the next odd-numbered
7 year; and

8 (2) at least 20 years and not longer than 50 years
9 beginning with the next odd-numbered year.

10 (d) The report under Subsection (c) may include:

11 (1) projections of precipitation;

12 (2) projections of temperature;

13 (3) projections of stream flow in Texas rivers;

14 (4) projections of evaporation rates;

15 (5) projections of soil moisture rates;

16 (6) projections of sea level changes;

17 (7) projections of coastal storm intensity;

18 (8) projections of inland and coastal flood intensity;

19 (9) likely ranges of variability for all projections;

20 (10) any estimations of the likelihood of the

21 forecasts, as considered appropriate by the Texas state
22 climatologist; and

23 (11) any additional factors that are considered useful
24 for state agency strategic planning by the Texas state
25 climatologist.

26 (e) The Texas state climatologist may use a forecast created
27 outside of the office of the state climatologist if the forecast is

1 considered suitable by the climatologist for the requirements of
2 the report.

3 (f) Not later than March 1 of each even-numbered year, the
4 Legislative Budget Board shall distribute the report provided under
5 Subsection (c) to the state agencies listed in Section
6 2056.002(b)(12) for use in each agency's strategic planning.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.