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H.B. No. 4993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a development corporation created by
3 the Gulf Coast Authority to finance certain projects.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 3.01, Chapter 409, Acts of the 61st
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, is amended by amending
7 Subsection (g) and adding Subsections (h) and (i) to read as
8 follows:

9 (g) A development corporation created by the authority
10 under Chapter 501, Local Government Code, may [~~finance~~]:

11 (1) issue and execute bonds, notes, or other
12 obligations to provide funds for borrowers to:

13 (A) acquire, construct, enlarge, extend, repair,
14 renovate, or improve facilities located inside or outside this
15 state in accordance with the powers of the district;

16 (B) acquire land to be used for the purposes
17 under Paragraph (A) of this subdivision; or

18 (C) create an operating or debt service reserve
19 to pay the issuance costs related to the bonds, notes, or other
20 obligations [~~projects described by Subchapter C, Chapter 501, Local~~
21 ~~Government Code, located inside or outside this state]; [~~and~~]~~

22 (2) finance qualified improvements as defined by
23 Section 399.002, Local Government Code, located inside or outside
24 this state in the same manner and to the same extent as a

1 municipality or county may do so under Chapter 399 of that code; and
2 (3) finance projects located inside or outside this
3 state that acquire, construct, provide, improve, finance, or
4 refinance:

5 (A) public education facilities;

6 (B) public health care facilities;

7 (C) the facilities or activities of an
8 organization that is exempt from the payment of federal income
9 taxes under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being
10 listed as an exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3) of that code;

11 (D) hotels, student housing, or assisted living
12 facilities to provide housing;

13 (E) broadband infrastructure; and

14 (F) alternative energy and carbon sequestration
15 facilitates to assist in the transition to and diversification of
16 clean energy.

17 (h) A project financed under Subsection (g) of this section
18 is an authorized project under Subtitle C1, Title 12, Local
19 Government Code, including Chapter 501 of that code.

20 (i) For a project located outside of this state under
21 Subsection (g) of this section, in order to determine whether a
22 project meets the approval standards adopted under Sections [501.251](#)
23 and [501.252](#), Local Government Code, or required by Sections
24 [501.255](#) and [501.256](#), Local Government Code, the Texas Economic
25 Development and Tourism Office within the office of the governor
26 shall evaluate the direct or indirect contribution to the economic
27 growth or stability of the authority that results from the

1 development corporation's financing and the project's promotion of
2 or impact on commerce where the project is located.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.