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S.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the share of the cost of a coastal erosion study or
3 project required to be paid by a qualified project partner under an
4 agreement with the commissioner of the General Land Office.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 33.603, Natural Resources Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (e) and
8 (f) to read as follows:

9 (c) An agreement between the commissioner and a qualified
10 project partner to undertake a coastal erosion response study or
11 project:

12 (1) must require the qualified project partner to pay
13 a specified percentage [at least 15 percent] of the shared project
14 cost that is not less than the minimum amount prescribed by
15 Subsection (e):

16 (A) before completion of the project; or

17 (B) following completion of the project, in
18 accordance with a schedule provided by the agreement; and

19 (2) may contain other terms governing the study or
20 project.

21 (e) A qualified project partner must pay:

22 (1) not less than 25 percent of the shared project
23 cost, if the project is a beach nourishment project on a public
24 beach or bay shore; and

1 (2) not less than 40 percent of the shared project
2 cost, if the project is any other coastal erosion response study or
3 project, including:

4 (A) a marsh restoration project; or

5 (B) a bay shoreline protection project other than
6 a beach nourishment project.

7 (f) Notwithstanding Subsections (c) and (e), each biennium
8 the commissioner may undertake one large-scale beach nourishment
9 project on a public beach without requiring a qualified project
10 partner to pay a portion of the shared project cost if the cost of
11 the project does not exceed one-third of the total amount
12 appropriated to the land office for coastal erosion planning and
13 response.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.