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S.B. No. 183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment, operation, and recommendations of the
3 Border Trade Advisory Committee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 201.114, Transportation Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 201.114. BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In
8 this section, "coordinator" means the border commerce coordinator
9 designated under Section 772.010, Government Code.

10 (b) The coordinator shall serve on the Border Trade Advisory
11 Committee as presiding officer. The commission shall appoint the
12 other members of the committee, which to the extent practicable
13 must include:

14 (1) the presiding officers, or persons designated by
15 the presiding officers, of the policy boards of metropolitan
16 planning organizations located adjacent to the border with the
17 United Mexican States and wholly or partly in the department's
18 Pharr, Laredo, or El Paso transportation district;

19 (2) the person serving, or a person designated by the
20 person serving, in the capacity of executive director of each
21 entity governing a port of entry in this state; and

22 (3) a representative each from at least two institutes
23 or centers operated by a university in this state that conduct
24 continuing research on transportation or trade issues.

1 (c) The commission shall establish the Border Trade
2 Advisory Committee to define and develop a strategy and make
3 recommendations to the commission and governor for addressing the
4 highest priority border trade transportation challenges. In
5 determining action to be taken on the recommendations, the
6 commission shall consider the importance of trade with the United
7 Mexican States, potential sources of infrastructure funding at
8 border ports, and the value of trade activity in the department's
9 districts adjacent to the border with the United Mexican States.

10 (d) [~~(b)~~] The commission may adopt rules governing the
11 Border Trade Advisory Committee.

12 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
13 size, composition, or duration of the Border Trade Advisory
14 Committee.

15 SECTION 2. Section 201.6011, Transportation Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 201.6011. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR PLAN. (a) To
18 the extent possible, the department shall coordinate with
19 appropriate entities to develop an integrated international trade
20 corridor plan. The plan must:

21 (1) include strategies and projects to aid the
22 exchange of international trade using the system of multiple
23 transportation modes in this state; [~~and~~]

24 (2) assign priorities based on the amount of
25 international trade, measured by weight and value, using the
26 transportation systems of this state, including:

27 (A) border ports of entry;

- 1 (B) commercial ports;
- 2 (C) inland ports;
- 3 (D) highways;
- 4 (E) pipelines;
- 5 (F) railroads; and
- 6 (G) deepwater gulf ports; and

7 (3) address implementation of the recommendations of
8 the Border Trade Advisory Committee under Section 201.114.

9 (b) The department shall update the plan biennially and
10 report on the implementation of this section to the presiding
11 officer of each house of the legislature no later than December 1 of
12 each even-numbered year [~~7-2004~~].

13 SECTION 3. The term of a member serving on the Border Trade
14 Advisory Committee immediately preceding the effective date of this
15 Act expires on that date. The member may be reappointed to the
16 committee.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

1 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Amend S.B. 183 as follows:

3 (1) On page 1, lines 16 and 17 delete "located adjacent to
4 the border with the United Mexican States"

5 (2) On page 1, line 18 after the second "," and before "or"
6 by inserting "Odessa,".

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