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H.B. No. 86

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a select committee to evaluate the
3 effects of a reduction in or the elimination of federal funding on
4 the state budget due to federal fiscal policy.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 10, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Chapter 2116 to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 2116. SELECT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET DEPENDENCE ON FEDERAL
9 FUNDING

10 Sec. 2116.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "committee"
11 means the Select Committee on Budget Dependence on Federal Funding.

12 Sec. 2116.002. COMPOSITION. (a) The committee is composed
13 of:

14 (1) four members of the senate, including members from
15 different political parties, appointed by the lieutenant governor
16 based on seniority;

17 (2) four members of the house of representatives,
18 including members from different political parties, appointed by
19 the speaker of the house of representatives based on seniority;

20 (3) a representative of a nonprofit or charitable
21 organization appointed by the governor;

22 (4) a representative of an advocacy organization
23 focused on state and federal fiscal matters appointed by the
24 governor;

1 (5) a representative of the Legislative Budget Board
2 appointed by the Legislative Budget Board; and

3 (6) a representative of the comptroller's office,
4 appointed by the comptroller.

5 (b) The committee shall elect a presiding officer from among
6 its members.

7 Sec. 2116.003. COMPENSATION. A committee member serves
8 without compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for actual
9 and necessary expenses incurred in performing functions as a
10 committee member, subject to any applicable limitation on
11 reimbursement provided by general law or the General Appropriations
12 Act.

13 Sec. 2116.004. COMMITTEE DUTIES. The committee shall:

14 (1) meet at the call of the presiding officer;

15 (2) conduct a study on:

16 (A) the percentage of the state budget that is
17 funded by federal money; and

18 (B) the effects on the state budget if federal
19 fiscal policy necessitates a significant reduction in or the
20 elimination of federal funding for state governments; and

21 (3) create a plan to address the loss of federal money,
22 including federal Medicaid matching money and federal social
23 security payments, and maintain benefit programs and other
24 essential state services if federal fiscal policy necessitates a
25 significant reduction in or the elimination of federal funding for
26 state governments.

27 Sec. 2116.005. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2016,

1 the committee shall submit a report based on its findings to:

2 (1) the governor;

3 (2) the lieutenant governor; and

4 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives.

5 Sec. 2116.006. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires and the
6 committee is abolished December 1, 2016.

7 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than October 1, 2015, the
8 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
9 the governor, the comptroller of public accounts, and the
10 Legislative Budget Board shall make the appointments and
11 designations required by Section 2116.002(a), Government Code, as
12 added by this Act.

13 (b) Not later than November 1, 2015, the governor shall call
14 the first meeting of the Select Committee on Budget Dependence on
15 Federal Funding to permit the committee to elect a presiding
16 officer as required by Section 2116.002(b), Government Code, as
17 added by this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.