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S.B. No. 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to deferred maintenance funding for state facilities.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities is created to review deferred maintenance plans and receive implementation updates.

(b) The committee is composed of six members as follows:

(1) three members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The committee chair shall alternate annually between a member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor and a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, beginning with a member of the senate.

(d) If this Act takes effect immediately, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall make appointments to the committee not later than July 1, 2015. If this Act takes effect September 1, 2015, the lieutenant governor and speaker shall make appointments to the committee not later than September 15, 2015.

(e) The committee shall biannually provide a written status report to the legislature that includes the amount of money expended from the deferred maintenance fund, the deferred

1 maintenance projects to be completed through expenditures from the
2 fund, and the status of ongoing and completed projects.

3 (f) The committee may exercise any powers of a joint
4 committee. The cost of operation of the committee may be borne in
5 the same manner as the cost of a joint committee. The Texas
6 Legislative Council may provide funding for the operations of the
7 committee. To the extent not inconsistent with this Act, the joint
8 rules adopted by the 84th Legislature for the administration of
9 joint interim legislative study committees apply to the committee.

10 (g) This section expires and the committee is abolished
11 January 8, 2019.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by
13 adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

14 SUBCHAPTER I. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUND

15 Sec. 2165.401. PURPOSE; INTENT. It is the intent of the
16 legislature that state facilities be brought into a better state of
17 repair to ensure the safety of employees and visitors, the
18 efficiency of building operations, and a long-term reduction in
19 repair costs by addressing deferred maintenance issues. The
20 deferred maintenance fund is created to fund projects for this
21 purpose.

22 Sec. 2165.402. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "fund"
23 means the deferred maintenance fund.

24 Sec. 2165.403. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT. (a) The
25 fund is an account in the general revenue fund.

26 (b) The fund consists of money appropriated, credited, or
27 transferred to the fund by or at the direction of the legislature.

1 (c) Section 403.095 does not apply to the fund.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.