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H.B. No. 2196

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a seaport preliminary studies grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 156.251(d), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) An amount equal to the amount of revenue derived from the collection of taxes imposed by this chapter at a rate of one-half of one percent shall be allocated in the general revenue fund to be used for:

(1) media advertising and other marketing activities of the Economic Development and Tourism Division, Office of the Governor; and

(2) the seaport preliminary studies grant program established under Section 55.0031, Transportation Code [Texas Department of Commerce]. [Section 403.094(h), Government Code, does not apply to funds described in this section. This subsection takes effect October 1, 1994.]

SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 55.0031 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.0031. SEAPORT PRELIMINARY STUDIES GRANT PROGRAM. The department by rule shall establish a program to provide grants for use in conducting preliminary studies or obtaining permits that may be required of the grant recipient to receive additional

1 financial assistance for a port security, transportation, or
2 facility project.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.