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H.B. No. 3024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal  
3 barrier system.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint  
6 interim committee to continue to study the feasibility and  
7 desirability of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system  
8 in this state that includes a series of gates and barriers to  
9 prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or coastal ports,  
10 industry, or property.

11 (b) The committee is composed of:

12 (1) the members of the standing committee of the  
13 senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources;

14 (2) the members of the standing committee of the house  
15 of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and  
16 resource management;

17 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the  
18 lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county  
19 that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and

20 (4) two members of the house of representatives  
21 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of  
22 whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of  
23 Mexico.

24 (c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,  
2 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

3 (d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the  
4 committee's duties under this section.

5 (e) Not later than December 1, 2020, the committee shall  
6 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study  
7 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this  
8 section.

9 (f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January  
10 11, 2021.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect June 1, 2019, if it  
12 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
13 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
14 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that  
15 date, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.