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S.B. No. 401

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to legislative oversight of deferred maintenance projects.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter I, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FUNDING [~~FUND~~]

SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2165.404 to read as follows:

Sec. 2165.404. JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT FACILITIES. (a) In this section, "committee" means the Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities.

(b) The committee is created to review deferred maintenance plans and receive implementation updates.

(c) 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.

(d) The chair of the committee shall alternate annually between:

(1) a member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(2) a member of the house of representatives appointed

1 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

2 (e) The lieutenant governor shall appoint the first chair of
3 the committee.

4 (f) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same
5 manner as the original appointment.

6 (g) The committee biannually shall provide a written report
7 to the legislature that identifies:

8 (1) the amount of money expended for deferred
9 maintenance;

10 (2) planned deferred maintenance projects; and

11 (3) the status of ongoing and completed deferred
12 maintenance projects.

13 (h) The committee shall:

14 (1) have the powers and duties of a joint committee
15 created by proclamation; and

16 (2) obtain funding in the same manner as a joint
17 committee created by proclamation.

18 (i) The rules adopted by the 86th Legislature for the
19 administration of joint committees created by proclamation apply to
20 the committee to the extent the rules are consistent with this
21 section.

22 (j) The committee is abolished and this section expires on
23 September 1, 2025.

24 SECTION 3. (a) If this Act receives the votes necessary
25 for immediate effect, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of
26 the house of representatives shall make appointments to the Joint
27 Oversight Committee on Government Facilities not later than July 1,

1 2019.

2 (b) If this Act does not receive the votes necessary for
3 immediate effect, the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the
4 house of representatives shall make appointments to the Joint
5 Oversight Committee on Government Facilities not later than
6 September 15, 2019.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.