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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the maritime port plans, reports, and programs prepared
3 by the Port Authority Advisory Committee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 55.007(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The committee shall:

8 (1) prepare the [a] maritime port mission plan
9 described by Section 55.008;

10 (2) review each project eligible to be funded under
11 this chapter and make recommendations for approval or disapproval
12 to the department; and

13 ~~(3) [every two years prepare a report on Texas~~
14 ~~maritime ports, with a list of projects that have been recommended~~
15 ~~by the committee, including:~~

16 ~~[(A) the recommended funding level for each~~
17 ~~project, and~~

18 ~~[(B) if staged implementation of the project is~~
19 ~~appropriate, the funding requirements for each stage, and~~

20 ~~[(4)]~~ advise the commission and the department on
21 matters relating to port authorities.

22 SECTION 2. Section 55.008, Transportation Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 55.008. MARITIME PORT MISSION PLAN [~~CAPITAL PROGRAM~~].

1 (a) The committee shall prepare a two-year maritime port mission
2 plan [~~capital program~~] defining the goals and objectives of the
3 committee concerning the development of maritime port facilities
4 and an intermodal transportation system. The plan [~~port capital~~
5 ~~program~~] must include projects or studies submitted to the
6 committee by any maritime port and recommendations for:

7 (1) the construction of transportation facilities
8 connecting any maritime port to another transportation mode; and

9 (2) the efficient, cost-effective development of
10 transportation facilities or maritime port facilities for the
11 purpose of:

- 12 (A) enhancing international trade;
13 (B) enhancing security;
14 (C) promoting cargo flow;
15 (D) increasing cruise passenger movements;
16 (E) increasing maritime port revenues; and
17 (F) providing economic benefits to the state.

18 (b) The committee shall update the maritime port mission
19 plan [~~capital program~~] and shall submit the updated plan [~~capital~~
20 ~~program~~] not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year to:

- 21 (1) the governor;
22 (2) the lieutenant governor;
23 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and
24 (4) the commission.

25 SECTION 3. Section 55.007(b), Transportation Code, is
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.