

AN ACT

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

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

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

(a) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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26 repealed.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

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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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1959 passed the Senate on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1959 passed the House on May 9, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor