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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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26 repealed.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.