

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1959  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 19, 2019, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 April 11, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 11, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	Hancock	X		
1-10	Alvarado	X		
1-11	Hinojosa	X		
1-12	Kolkhorst	X		
1-13	Perry	X		
1-14	Rodríguez	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	West	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the maritime port plans, reports, and programs prepared  
1-20 by the Port Authority Advisory Committee.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 55.007(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The committee shall:

1-25 (1) prepare the ~~[a]~~ maritime port mission plan  
1-26 described by Section 55.008;

1-27 (2) review each project eligible to be funded under  
1-28 this chapter and make recommendations for approval or disapproval  
1-29 to the department; and

1-30 (3) ~~[every two years prepare a report on Texas~~  
1-31 ~~maritime ports, with a list of projects that have been recommended~~  
1-32 ~~by the committee, including:~~

1-33 ~~[(A) the recommended funding level for each~~  
1-34 ~~project; and~~

1-35 ~~[(B) if staged implementation of the project is~~  
1-36 ~~appropriate, the funding requirements for each stage; and~~

1-37 ~~[(4)]~~ advise the commission and the department on  
1-38 matters relating to port authorities.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 55.008, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-40 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 55.008. MARITIME PORT MISSION PLAN ~~[CAPITAL PROGRAM]~~.

1-42 (a) The committee shall prepare a two-year maritime port mission  
1-43 plan ~~[capital program]~~ defining the goals and objectives of the  
1-44 committee concerning the development of maritime port facilities  
1-45 and an intermodal transportation system. The plan ~~[port capital~~  
1-46 ~~program]~~ must include projects or studies submitted to the  
1-47 committee by any maritime port and recommendations for:

1-48 (1) the construction of transportation facilities  
1-49 connecting any maritime port to another transportation mode; and

1-50 (2) the efficient, cost-effective development of  
1-51 transportation facilities or maritime port facilities for the  
1-52 purpose of:

1-53 (A) enhancing international trade;

1-54 (B) enhancing security;

1-55 (C) promoting cargo flow;

1-56 (D) increasing cruise passenger movements;

1-57 (E) increasing maritime port revenues; and

1-58 (F) providing economic benefits to the state.

1-59 (b) The committee shall update the maritime port mission  
1-60 plan ~~[capital program]~~ and shall submit the updated plan ~~[capital~~  
1-61 ~~program]~~ not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year to:

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

2-5 SECTION 3. Section 55.007(b), Transportation Code, is  
2-6 repealed.

2-7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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