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S.B. No. 2306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a presentation by the commissioner of insurance on the
3 National Association of Insurance Commissioners accreditation
4 process and participation in the National Conference of Insurance
5 Legislators.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Insurance Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 31.008 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 31.008. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF
10 INSURANCE LEGISLATORS. The department shall pay annually from
11 department funds the costs of:

12 (1) the state's membership in the National Conference
13 of Insurance Legislators; and

14 (2) full participation in the National Conference of
15 Insurance Legislators by the chairs and ranking members of the
16 standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives
17 with primary jurisdiction over insurance or finance.

18 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Insurance Code, is
19 amended by adding Section 31.029 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 31.029. PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
21 INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS ACCREDITATION PROCESS. (a) Except as
22 provided by Subsection (e), during the first year of each state
23 fiscal biennium, the commissioner shall provide to each standing
24 committee of the senate and the house of representatives with

1 primary jurisdiction over insurance, or if determined by rules of
2 those standing committees, each standing committee of the senate
3 and the house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over
4 finance, a presentation regarding the accreditation process for the
5 National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

6 (b) The presentation must:

7 (1) provide an overview of the role of delegation of
8 legislative authority for policy development in the National
9 Association of Insurance Commissioners accreditation process;

10 (2) explain how state laws incorporate National
11 Association of Insurance Commissioners accreditation standards or
12 incorporate rules, standards, and processes by reference, and
13 provide citations to those laws;

14 (3) identify in a separate format each provision of
15 law that may authorize future changes by the National Association
16 of Insurance Commissioners to be adopted without additional
17 authorization by the legislature, highlighting any future
18 delegation authority in the laws or rules of this state; and

19 (4) provide an overview of the minimum National
20 Association of Insurance Commissioners accreditation standards
21 relating to:

22 (A) laws and regulations;

23 (B) regulatory practices and procedures; and

24 (C) organizations and personnel practices.

25 (c) The overview presented under Subsection (b)(4) must
26 include:

27 (1) summaries of the specific laws and rules that the

1 accreditation standard specifies;

2 (2) the intended purpose of each accreditation
3 standard;

4 (3) the date that the accreditation standard was
5 adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and
6 the date that the standard was adopted in this state; and

7 (4) any change to the accreditation standards since
8 the last presentation to the legislature.

9 (d) The commissioner may make the presentation at a joint
10 hearing of the applicable committees under Subsection (a).

11 (e) Instead of providing the presentation required under
12 Subsection (a), the department may coordinate with the National
13 Association of Insurance Commissioners to conduct a training
14 session that contains the same information required under
15 Subsection (b) that is specific to the laws of this state during a
16 National Association of Insurance Commissioners meeting.

17 (f) If the department exercises the option under Subsection
18 (e), the department shall pay from funds the costs associated with
19 registration and reimbursement for reasonable food, travel, and
20 lodging for two committee members from the standing committee of
21 the senate with primary jurisdiction over insurance, two committee
22 members from the standing committee of the house of representatives
23 with primary jurisdiction over insurance, and one committee member
24 from the standing committee of each chamber with primary
25 jurisdiction over appropriations to attend the meeting.

26 SECTION 3. The commissioner of insurance shall provide the
27 first presentation required under Section 31.029, Insurance Code,

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1 as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2020.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.