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H.B. No. 4178

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to information on projected changes in weather, water  
3 availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain  
4 state agencies.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 2056.002(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The Legislative Budget Board and the governor's office  
9 shall determine the elements required to be included in each  
10 agency's strategic plan. Unless modified by the Legislative  
11 Budget Board and the governor's office, and except as provided by  
12 Subsection (c), a plan must include:

13 (1) a statement of the mission and goals of the state  
14 agency;

15 (2) a description of the indicators developed under  
16 this chapter and used to measure the output and outcome of the  
17 agency;

18 (3) identification of the groups of people served by  
19 the agency, including those having service priorities, or other  
20 service measures established by law, and estimates of changes in  
21 those groups expected during the term of the plan;

22 (4) an analysis of the use of the agency's resources to  
23 meet the agency's needs, including future needs, and an estimate of  
24 additional resources that may be necessary to meet future needs;

1 (5) an analysis of expected changes in the services  
2 provided by the agency because of changes in state or federal law;

3 (6) a description of the means and strategies for  
4 meeting the agency's needs, including future needs, and achieving  
5 the goals established under Section 2056.006 for each area of state  
6 government for which the agency provides services;

7 (7) a description of the capital improvement needs of  
8 the agency during the term of the plan and a statement, if  
9 appropriate, of the priority of those needs;

10 (8) identification of each geographic region of this  
11 state, including the Texas-Louisiana border region and the  
12 Texas-Mexico border region, served by the agency, and if  
13 appropriate the agency's means and strategies for serving each  
14 region;

15 (9) a description of the training of the agency's  
16 contract managers under Section 656.052;

17 (10) an analysis of the agency's expected expenditures  
18 that relate to federally owned or operated military installations  
19 or facilities, or communities where a federally owned or operated  
20 military installation or facility is located;

21 (11) an analysis of the strategic use of information  
22 resources as provided by the instructions prepared under Section  
23 2054.095; ~~and~~

24 (12) for the Department of Agriculture, Texas  
25 Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Texas  
26 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Department of  
27 Insurance, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Public

1 Safety, Public Utility Commission of Texas, office of the  
2 comptroller, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Water Development  
3 Board:

4 (A) an analysis of expected changes, including  
5 adverse impacts, in the services provided by the agency because of  
6 projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate  
7 variability, as determined by the Texas state climatologist's  
8 report under Section 2056.005(c);

9 (B) for each period described in Section  
10 2056.005(c), a description of the means and strategies for meeting  
11 the agency's needs and managing the risks associated with the  
12 projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate  
13 variability as determined by the report; and

14 (C) for the means and strategies described by  
15 Paragraph (B):

16 (i) identification of any financial  
17 resources that will be needed to carry out those means and  
18 strategies; and

19 (ii) an analysis of partnerships and  
20 cooperation between the agency and other state, local, and federal  
21 governmental entities that will be needed to carry out those means  
22 and strategies; and

23 (13) other information that may be required.

24 SECTION 2. Section 2056.005, Government Code, is amended by  
25 adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

26 (c) Not later than February 1 of each even-numbered year,  
27 the Texas state climatologist shall provide to the Legislative

1 Budget Board, for use in the strategic planning of a state agency  
2 listed in Section 2056.002(b)(12), a report on projected changes in  
3 weather, water availability, and climate variability across the  
4 state for a period of:

5 (1) five years beginning with the next odd-numbered  
6 year; and

7 (2) at least 20 years and not longer than 50 years  
8 beginning with the next odd-numbered year.

9 (d) The report under Subsection (c) may include:

10 (1) projections of precipitation;

11 (2) projections of temperature;

12 (3) projections of stream flow in Texas rivers;

13 (4) projections of evaporation rates;

14 (5) projections of soil moisture rates;

15 (6) projections of sea level changes;

16 (7) projections of coastal storm intensity;

17 (8) projections of inland and coastal flood intensity;

18 (9) likely ranges of variability for all projections;

19 (10) any estimations of the likelihood of the

20 forecasts, as considered appropriate by the Texas state

21 climatologist; and

22 (11) any additional factors that are considered useful

23 for state agency strategic planning by the Texas state

24 climatologist.

25 (e) The Texas state climatologist may use a forecast created

26 outside of the office of the state climatologist if the forecast is

27 considered suitable by the climatologist for the requirements of

1 the report.

2 (f) Not later than March 1 of each even-numbered year, the  
3 Legislative Budget Board shall distribute the report provided under  
4 Subsection (c) to the state agencies listed in Section  
5 2056.002(b)(12) for use in each agency's strategic planning.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.