

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 1266  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &  
 1-4 Economic Development; April 21, 2021, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal  
 1-20 barrier system.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature shall establish a joint  
 1-23 interim committee to continue to study the implementation of a  
 1-24 coastal barrier system in this state that includes a series of gates  
 1-25 and barriers to prevent storm surge damage to gulf beaches or  
 1-26 coastal ports, industry, or property.

1-27 (b) The committee is composed of:

1-28 (1) the members of the standing committee of the  
 1-29 senate that has primary jurisdiction over natural resources;

1-30 (2) the members of the standing committee of the house  
 1-31 of representatives that has primary jurisdiction over land and  
 1-32 resource management;

1-33 (3) two members of the senate appointed by the  
 1-34 lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a district in a county  
 1-35 that borders the Gulf of Mexico; and

1-36 (4) two members of the house of representatives  
 1-37 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of  
 1-38 whom represents a district in a county that borders the Gulf of  
 1-39 Mexico.

1-40 (c) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of  
 1-41 representatives shall jointly designate a chair or, alternatively,  
 1-42 designate two co-chairs from among the committee membership.

1-43 (d) The committee may adopt rules necessary to carry out the  
 1-44 committee's duties under this section.

1-45 (e) Not later than December 1, 2022, the committee shall  
 1-46 report to the governor and the legislature the findings of the study  
 1-47 and any recommendations developed by the committee under this  
 1-48 section.

1-49 (f) The committee is abolished and this Act expires January  
 1-50 9, 2023.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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