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S.B. No. 1448

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of the windstorm insurance legislative oversight board and to certain studies by the board relating to the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plan.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 2210, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 2210.655 to read as follows:

Sec. 2210.655. TEMPORARY POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD; STUDY OF FUNDING AND FUNDING STRUCTURE. (a) The board shall:

(1) gather information regarding:

(A) how the association's current funding and funding structure operate;

(B) how the catastrophic risk pools of other states operate; and

(C) other information that the board considers necessary to prepare the information required by Subsection (c); and

(2) hold public meetings to hear testimony from experts, stakeholders, and other interested parties regarding recommendations and proposals for establishing and implementing sustainable funding and a sustainable funding structure for the association.

1 (b) The board may request reports and other information as
2 necessary to implement this section from:

- 3 (1) the department;
4 (2) the association; and
5 (3) experts, stakeholders, and other interested
6 parties described by Subsection (a)(2).

7 (c) The board shall include in the report described by
8 Section 2210.654 the board's findings regarding the current funding
9 and funding structure of the association, problems with the funding
10 and funding structure, and recommendations for legislative action
11 related to the funding, funding structure, and sustainability of
12 the association. The report must include:

13 (1) an analysis of the current funding, funding
14 structure, and sustainability of the association, including the
15 association's reliance on debt and reinsurance; and

16 (2) recommendations for legislative action necessary
17 to:

18 (A) address problems with the current funding and
19 funding structure of the association; and

20 (B) foster the stability and sustainability of
21 the association.

22 (d) This section expires September 1, 2023.

23 SECTION 2. Sections 14(c) and (d), Chapter 790 (H.B. 1900),
24 Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, are amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023 [~~2021~~], the windstorm
27 insurance legislative oversight board shall submit to the governor,

1 the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
2 representatives, and the Texas Department of Insurance a written
3 report of a [~~the~~] study conducted under this section. The report
4 must include the findings and legislative recommendations of the
5 board.

6 (d) This section expires January 1, 2024 [~~2022~~].

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