

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Texas needs to remain competitive during upcoming federal decisions about base closures throughout the United States. Texas' military bases should reduce long term costs to the state as well as increase opportunities for investment in infrastructure. As proposed, S.B. 1164 requires the Office of Defense Affairs, working in conjunction with the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission, to request a report developing a five-year infrastructure plan from each military installation in Texas. Reports from military installations may include investment information and recommendations to optimize the retention, stability, and growth of, and private-sector investment in, military installations and surrounding communities. The Office of Defense Affairs will compile the reports into a single report, including its own recommendations, and submit copies to certain state officials

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. (a) Requires the Office of Defense Affairs of the Texas Department of Economic Development (office), working in cooperation with the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission, to request that each military installation in the state develop a five-year strategic infrastructure plan and submit the plan to the office not later than July 1, 2002.

(b) Requires each strategic infrastructure plan to include recommendations for specific state investments designed to optimize the retention, stability, and growth of military installations and their defense-dependent communities; and increase the potential for private-sector investment in, and future uses of, infrastructure associated with federal military installations and defense-dependent communities.

(c) Requires the Office of Defense Affairs, not later than December 1, 2002, to:

- compile all plans submitted to the office under this Act into a single report;
- include its own recommendations in relation to a comprehensive review of the submitted plans; and
- submit a copy of the report and recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of each legislative committee with jurisdiction over defense affairs.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Differs from As Filed version by deleting proposed Subsection (b) (1) and adding the text "optimize the

retention, stability, and growth of military installations and their defense-dependent communities.” Adds text regarding the Office of Defense Affairs of the Texas Department of Economic Development working in cooperation with the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission. Adds additional text for clarity.