

1-1 By: Goldman (Senate Sponsor - Springer) H.B. No. 1550
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;
 1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the continuation and functions of the Office of
 1-22 State-Federal Relations.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 751.003, Government Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 751.003. SUNSET PROVISION. The Office of
 1-27 State-Federal Relations is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset
 1-28 Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter,
 1-29 the office is abolished [~~and this chapter expires~~] September 1,
 1-30 2035 [~~2023~~].

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 751.005, Government Code, is amended by
 1-32 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
 1-33 follows:

1-34 (b) The office shall:

1-35 (1) help coordinate state and federal programs dealing
 1-36 with the same subject;

1-37 (2) inform the governor and the legislature of federal
 1-38 programs that may be carried out in the state or that affect state
 1-39 programs;

1-40 (3) provide federal agencies and the United States
 1-41 Congress with information about state policy and state conditions
 1-42 on matters that concern the federal government;

1-43 (4) provide the legislature with information useful in
 1-44 measuring the effect of federal actions on the state and local
 1-45 programs;

1-46 (5) prepare and supply to the governor and all members
 1-47 of the legislature an annual report that:

1-48 (A) describes the office's operations;

1-49 (B) contains the office's priorities and
 1-50 strategies for the following year;

1-51 (C) details projects and legislation pursued by
 1-52 the office; and

1-53 (D) discusses issues in the following
 1-54 congressional session of interest to this state; [~~and~~

1-55 [~~(E) contains an analysis of federal funds~~
 1-56 ~~availability and formulae,~~]

1-57 (6) notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
 1-58 speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislative
 1-59 standing committees in each house with primary jurisdiction over
 1-60 intergovernmental affairs of federal activities relevant to the
 1-61 state and inform the Texas congressional delegation of state

2-1 activities;
2-2 (7) conduct frequent conference calls with the
2-3 lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives
2-4 or their designees regarding state-federal relations and programs;
2-5 (8) respond to requests for information from the
2-6 legislature, the United States Congress, and federal agencies;
2-7 (9) coordinate with the Legislative Budget Board
2-8 regarding the effects of federal funding on the state budget; and
2-9 (10) report to, and on request send appropriate
2-10 representatives to appear before, the legislative standing
2-11 committees in each house with primary jurisdiction over
2-12 intergovernmental affairs.

2-13 (f) The office shall post the report required under
2-14 Subsection (b)(5) to the office's publicly accessible Internet
2-15 website.

2-16 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Government Code
2-17 are repealed:

- 2-18 (1) the heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 751; and
- 2-19 (2) Subchapter B, Chapter 751.

2-20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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