

114TH CONGRESS
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S. 2856

To streamline certain feasibility studies and avoid duplication of effort.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2016

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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of effort.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Corps’ Obligation to
5 Assist in Safeguarding Texas Act” or the “COAST Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COASTAL TEXAS PROTECTION AND RESTORATION**
7 **STUDY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Coastal Texas
9 Protection and Restoration Study—

10 (1) the Secretary of the Army shall take into
11 consideration studies, data, or information developed

1 by the Gulf Coast Community Protection and Recov-
2 ery District to expedite completion of the Study; and

3 (2) any studies, data, or information used in
4 the development of the final recommendations of the
5 Chief of Engineers shall be credited against the non-
6 Federal share of study costs.

7 (b) EXPEDITED COMPLETION.—The Secretary shall
8 expedite completion of the reports for the Coastal Texas
9 Protection and Restoration Study and, if the Secretary de-
10 termines that a project described in the completed report
11 is justified, proceed directly to project preconstruction, en-
12 gineering, and design.

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