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1 or exceeds the standards and level of service required for
2 recognition by the American Association of State
3 Climatologists or an appropriate successor organization.

4 Section 2. The Office of the State Climatologist
5 shall do all of the following:

6 (1) Maintain descriptions of and information on the
7 climate of the state, including the atmospheric conditions and
8 levels of precipitation and drought assessments.

9 (2) Publish his or her findings concerning the
10 climate in this state at least quarterly.

11 (3) Provide technical support to economic
12 development projects within the state.

13 Section 3. The Office of the State Climatologist may
14 do any of the following:

15 (1) Investigate, describe, and interpret the
16 characteristics of the weather and climate of the state,
17 including their hazards and limitations.

18 (2) Coordinate with state and federal agencies on
19 matters concerning weather data acquisition, collection,
20 integration, and storage.

21 (3) Monitor federal climate-related activities to
22 assure that the interests of the state are being served.

23 (4) Publish bulletins, circulars, maps, or reports
24 of the results of research and investigations undertaken by
25 the office, and distribute them to state agencies, government
26 officials, industry, and the public.

1 (5) Provide lectures, talks, displays, or exhibits
2 on the climate of the state for the general education of the
3 public.

4 (6) Enter into cooperative arrangements with local,
5 state, and federal government agencies, universities, and
6 businesses engaged in climate-related research and services.

7 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
8 first day of the third month following its passage and
9 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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