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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a retail theft investigation unit in the Department of Public Safety.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.0093 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.0093. RETAIL THEFT INVESTIGATION UNIT. (a) A retail theft investigation unit is created within the department to investigate and arrest individuals determined to have committed retail theft and organized retail theft.

(b) The unit shall:

(1) on request, assist local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of retail theft and organized retail theft committed in this state; and

(2) investigate organized retail theft committed in this state by combinations and criminal street gangs, as those terms are defined by Section 71.01, Penal Code.

(c) The unit may accept and use evidence of retail theft or organized retail theft submitted by victims and other informants for the purpose of investigating those offenses.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Safety is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.