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H.B. No. 101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the state guard professionalization task force.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 437, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 437.311 to read as follows:

Sec. 437.311. STATE GUARD PROFESSIONALIZATION TASK FORCE.

(a) The State Guard Professionalization Task Force is a temporary task force created to advise the adjutant general on the professionalization of the Texas State Guard under the Texas Military Department.

(b) The task force is composed of:

(1) the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee;

(2) the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety or the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety's designee;

(3) the director of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the director of the Texas Division of Emergency Management's designee;

(4) the director of the Texas Department of Transportation or the director of the Texas Department of Transportation's designee;

(5) the director of the Texas A&M Forrest Service or the director of the Texas A&M Forrest Service's designee; and

1           (6) any other directors or director's designees of any  
2 other state agencies as determined by the adjutant general or the  
3 adjutant general's designee.

4           (c) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee  
5 is the chair of the task force.

6           (d) The task force shall meet as often as necessary to  
7 perform the task force's duties. Meetings may be held at any time at  
8 the request of the chair.

9           (e) The task force shall:

10           (1) use statistical analyses, data received from focus  
11 groups on operations conducted by Texas State Guard, and other  
12 research methods to conduct an examination of state missions and  
13 operations of the State Guard in this state that includes:

14                   (A) an identification of critical state missions  
15 and operations needs; and

16                   (B) a determination of the state's long-range  
17 state missions and operations needs;

18           (2) identify and anticipate challenges and threats to  
19 the state's operations, including but not limited to critical  
20 infrastructure;

21           (3) develop solutions to overcome the challenges and  
22 threats described by Subdivision (2);

23           (4) develop a strategy to professionalize and develop  
24 capabilities of the Texas State Guard that is consistent with the  
25 findings and determinations made under this subsection;

26           (5) recommend to the adjutant general and the  
27 governor:

1                   (A) strategies to solve the challenges  
2 identified under Subdivision (1)(A);

3                   (B) policy priorities to address the long-range  
4 needs determined under Subdivision (1)(B);

5                   (C) policy priorities and budgetary needs to  
6 implement the strategies and solutions determined under  
7 Subdivision (3); and

8                   (6) advise the adjutant general and the governor  
9 regarding the staffing, facilities, equipment, and technology  
10 needed to implement the strategy determined under Subdivision (4).

11                  (f) Not later than August 31, 2026, the task force shall  
12 submit to adjutant general and the governor a report that contains  
13 the recommendations described by Subsection (e)(6).

14                  (g) This section expires September 1, 2026.

15                  SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.