

1-1 By: Flores (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1462
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2005;
1-3 May 16, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
1-4 Resources; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the referral by the Texas Water Development Board of
1-9 certain persons to another state agency, office, or division for
1-10 investigation or enforcement action.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 6, Water Code, is amended
1-13 by adding Section 6.1555 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 6.1555. REFERRAL FOR INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT
1-15 ACTION. (a) The board, as the result of a complaint filed with the
1-16 board or on the board's own motion, may refer an applicant for or
1-17 recipient of financial assistance from the board to the commission,
1-18 the state auditor's office, the Texas Rangers, or another state
1-19 agency, office, or division, as appropriate, for the investigation
1-20 of, or the initiation of an enforcement action against, the
1-21 applicant or recipient.

1-22 (b) The executive administrator shall transmit the referral
1-23 to the appropriate state agency, office, or division, monitor the
1-24 progress of the investigation or enforcement action, and report to
1-25 the board on a quarterly basis.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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