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H.B. No. 1966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of an interagency task force to  
3 address the impact of globalization on this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "globalization" means  
6 the tendency toward increased interdependence of countries and the  
7 integration of their economies and national capital markets.

8 SECTION 2. TASK FORCE. A task force on globalization is  
9 established and shall be composed of one representative of each of  
10 the following state agencies, appointed by the single statewide  
11 elected or appointed governing officer or administrative head of  
12 the entity:

13 (1) the Department of Agriculture;

14 (2) the Texas Department of Banking;

15 (3) the career development resources unit of the Texas  
16 Workforce Commission;

17 (4) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

18 (5) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;

19 (6) the General Land Office;

20 (7) the Department of State Health Services;

21 (8) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
22 Affairs;

23 (9) the civil rights division of the Texas Workforce  
24 Commission;

- 1           (10) the Department of Aging and Disability Services;  
2           (11) the Health and Human Services Commission;  
3           (12) the Parks and Wildlife Department;  
4           (13) the Department of Public Safety of the State of  
5 Texas;  
6           (14) the State Soil and Water Conservation Board;  
7           (15) the Texas Education Agency;  
8           (16) the Texas Water Development Board;  
9           (17) the Texas Workforce Commission; and  
10          (18) any other state agency that is interested in  
11 contributing to the study required by this Act.

12           SECTION 3. PRESIDING OFFICER. The task force shall select a  
13 presiding officer from among its members.

14           SECTION 4. STUDY; RECOMMENDATIONS. The task force shall:

15           (1) conduct a study of the positive and negative  
16 effects of globalization on the society, economy, and government of  
17 this state, including any impact on state agencies; and

18           (2) develop recommendations to:

19           (A) address any concerns or issues that arise  
20 from the study; and

21           (B) suggest ways in which this state may prepare  
22 for the short-term and long-term changes that are anticipated by  
23 the task force as a result of globalization.

24           SECTION 5. REPORT. Not later than November 1, 2006, the  
25 task force shall produce a report on the results of the study,  
26 including recommendations, and shall submit the report to the  
27 legislature.

1           SECTION 6. APPOINTMENT.       The head of each entity  
2 specifically listed in Section 2 of this Act shall appoint a  
3 representative to the task force, as required by that section, not  
4 later than December 1, 2005.

5           SECTION 7. EXPIRATION. This Act expires and the task force  
6 is abolished on November 30, 2006.

7           SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.       This Act takes effect  
8 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
9 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
10 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
11 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.