

1-1 By: Corte (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 3115  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2005;  
1-3 May 5, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 23, 2005, reported  
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following  
1-6 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3115 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the creation of permanent special advisory committees  
1-11 to advise the governor on certain homeland security activities.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 421, Government Code, is amended by  
1-14 adding Subchapter B-1 to read as follows:

1-15 SUBCHAPTER B-1. PERMANENT SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1-16 Sec. 421.041. FIRST RESPONDER ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) The  
1-17 First Responder Advisory Council is a permanent special advisory  
1-18 committee created to advise the governor or the governor's designee  
1-19 on homeland security issues relevant to first responders, radio  
1-20 interoperability, the integration of statewide exercises for  
1-21 hazards, and the related use of available funding.

1-22 (b) The council is composed of:

1-23 (1) one representative for each of the following  
1-24 sectors of the state, appointed by the governor or the governor's  
1-25 designee:

1-26 (A) law enforcement;

1-27 (B) firefighters; and

1-28 (C) emergency medical services; and

1-29 (2) other members, as determined by the governor or  
1-30 the governor's designee.

1-31 Sec. 421.042. PRIVATE SECTOR ADVISORY COUNCIL. (a) The  
1-32 Private Sector Advisory Council is a permanent special advisory  
1-33 committee created to advise the governor or the governor's designee  
1-34 on homeland security issues relevant to the private sector.

1-35 (b) The council is composed of:

1-36 (1) one representative of a private organization or  
1-37 entity for each of the following sectors of the state, each  
1-38 appointed by the governor or the governor's designee:

1-39 (A) agriculture and food;

1-40 (B) banking and finance;

1-41 (C) chemicals and hazardous materials;

1-42 (D) the defense industry;

1-43 (E) energy;

1-44 (F) emergency services;

1-45 (G) information technology;

1-46 (H) telecommunications;

1-47 (I) postal and shipping;

1-48 (J) public health;

1-49 (K) transportation;

1-50 (L) water; and

1-51 (M) national monuments and icons; and

1-52 (2) other members, as determined by the governor or  
1-53 the governor's designee.

1-54 Sec. 421.043. ELIGIBILITY. (a) To be eligible for  
1-55 appointment as a member of a permanent special advisory committee  
1-56 created under this subchapter, a person must demonstrate experience  
1-57 in the sector that the person is under consideration to represent  
1-58 and be directly involved in related policies, programs, or funding  
1-59 activities that are relevant to homeland security or infrastructure  
1-60 protection.

1-61 (b) Each member of a permanent special advisory committee  
1-62 created under this subchapter serves at the will of the governor.

1-63 Sec. 421.044. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

2-1 PROHIBITED. A person who is a member of a permanent special  
2-2 advisory committee created under this subchapter is not entitled to  
2-3 receive compensation from this state for service on the committee  
2-4 or travel expenses incurred by the person while conducting the  
2-5 business of the committee.

2-6 Sec. 421.045. DUTIES. Each permanent special advisory  
2-7 committee created under this subchapter shall advise the governor  
2-8 on:

2-9 (1) the development and coordination of a statewide  
2-10 critical infrastructure protection strategy;

2-11 (2) the implementation of the governor's homeland  
2-12 security strategy by state and local agencies and provide specific  
2-13 suggestions for helping those agencies implement the strategy;

2-14 (3) specific priorities related to the governor's  
2-15 homeland security strategy that the committee determines to be of  
2-16 significant importance to the statewide security of critical  
2-17 infrastructure; and

2-18 (4) other matters related to the planning,  
2-19 development, coordination, and implementation of initiatives to  
2-20 promote the governor's homeland security strategy.

2-21 SECTION 2. The governor shall make all required  
2-22 appointments to the First Responder Advisory Council and the  
2-23 Private Sector Advisory Council, in accordance with Subchapter B-1,  
2-24 Chapter 421, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than  
2-25 December 1, 2005.

2-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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