

1-1 By: Lucio, Zaffirini, Shapleigh S.B. No. 229  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2005; February 3, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on International  
1-4 Relations and Trade; March 22, 2005, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-6 Nays 1; March 22, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 229 By: Lucio

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

1-10 relating to the Advisory Oversight Community Outreach Committee in  
1-11 the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 411.0197 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 411.0197. ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
1-16 COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall establish an Advisory  
1-17 Oversight Community Outreach Committee in the department and may  
1-18 adopt rules for the implementation and operation of the committee.  
1-19 The committee shall meet at the times and places specified by  
1-20 commission rule or at the call of the presiding officer or any two  
1-21 members. Chapter 2110 does not apply to the size, composition, or  
1-22 duration of the Advisory Oversight Community Outreach Committee.

1-23 (b) The commission shall appoint the members of the  
1-24 committee, which must include border crossing bridge owners,  
1-25 persons serving in the capacity of director of entities governing  
1-26 ports of entry, community leaders, planning developers, and mayors,  
1-27 or persons designated by mayors, of the major municipalities in the  
1-28 area of the border of this state and the United Mexican States.

1-29 (c) The commission shall designate the presiding officer of  
1-30 the committee from among the committee's members. The presiding  
1-31 officer serves at the will of the commission.

1-32 (d) The committee shall:

1-33 (1) document to the commission trade-related  
1-34 incidents involving department personnel;

1-35 (2) develop recommendations and strategies to improve  
1-36 community relations, department personnel conduct, and the truck  
1-37 inspection process at this state's ports of entry; and

1-38 (3) act as ombudsman between the department and the  
1-39 communities located and residents residing in the area of the  
1-40 border of this state and the United Mexican States and between the  
1-41 department and the department's personnel.

1-42 (e) In determining action to be taken on the information and  
1-43 recommendations received from the committee, the commission shall  
1-44 consider the importance of trade with the United Mexican States and  
1-45 the concerns expressed by communities affected by the actions of  
1-46 department personnel.

1-47 (f) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year the  
1-48 commission shall submit to the lieutenant governor, speaker of the  
1-49 house of representatives, and each other member of the legislature  
1-50 a report documenting the committee's recommendations and comments,  
1-51 incident reports received by the committee, and the actions taken  
1-52 by the commission and department to address those matters.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

1-58 \* \* \* \* \*