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H.B. No. 1968

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a regional council of government to establish and operate a multicounty drug task force.

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

SECTION 1. Section 362.001, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

(4) "Regional council of government" means a regional planning commission or similar regional planning agency created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 362.004(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A multicounty drug task force is composed of law enforcement agencies located in two or more counties in this state. A multicounty drug task force may be established and operated by a regional council of government or ~~[only after]~~ the Department of Public Safety. Before a multicounty drug task force may be established, the regional council of government or the Department of Public Safety must confirm ~~[confirms]~~:

(1) a strategic need for the task force; and

(2) the composition of the task force.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.