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H.B. No. 2717

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a joint interim study of ways to promote economic
3 development in nations that are a primary source of undocumented
4 immigrants in Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The Senate Committee on International
7 Relations and Trade, the House Committee on Border and
8 International Affairs, and the House Committee on Financial
9 Institutions shall conduct a joint interim study to investigate:

10 (1) current programs operating in Texas or in other
11 parts of the United States that:

12 (A) provide opportunities for immigrants to
13 voluntarily invest in development efforts in their home states or
14 countries; or

15 (B) offer exchange programs between teachers,
16 medical professionals, business people, or local government
17 officials from the United States and professionals in Mexico or
18 other Latin American countries;

19 (2) possible new programs that would:

20 (A) provide opportunities for immigrants to
21 voluntarily invest in development efforts in their home states or
22 countries; or

23 (B) offer exchange programs between teachers,
24 medical professionals, business people, or local government

1 officials from the United States and professionals in Mexico or
2 other Latin American countries; and

3 (3) the viability of programs described by
4 Subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection and the capacity of the
5 State of Texas to facilitate such programs.

6 (b) The Senate Committee on International Relations and
7 Trade, the House Committee on Border and International Affairs, and
8 the House Committee on Financial Institutions shall report the
9 results of the joint interim study conducted under Subsection (a)
10 of this section, together with recommendations for statutory
11 changes, to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
12 the house of representatives, and the members of the 80th
13 Legislature on or before September 1, 2008.

14 SECTION 2. This Act expires October 1, 2008.

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