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S.B. No. 379

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual report by the Border Security Council regarding criminal street gangs and gang-related crime.

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

SECTION 1. Section 421.0025, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

(g) The Border Security Council shall annually submit to the governor a report regarding criminal street gangs and gang-related crime. The report must be approved by a majority of the council members and must include:

(1) an evaluation of the threat that criminal street gangs and gang-related crime pose to the infrastructure of the state, each county, and each municipality with a population of more than 100,000; and

(2) recommendations on actions that may be taken to:

(A) prevent criminal street gangs from committing human trafficking offenses;

(B) reduce criminal street gang violence;

(C) prevent the growth and proliferation of criminal street gangs; and

(D) ensure that law enforcement personnel receive the necessary training and education to effectively deal with the problems created by criminal street gangs and gang-related crime.

1 (h) On request, the office of the attorney general, the
2 Department of Public Safety, the Texas Violent Gang Task Force, the
3 Gang Resource System, the Texas Fusion Center, criminal justice
4 agencies, and juvenile justice agencies shall provide information
5 relating to criminal street gangs and gang-related crime to the
6 Border Security Council.

7 SECTION 2. The Border Security Council shall submit the
8 first annual report regarding criminal street gangs and
9 gang-related crime to the governor as required by Section
10 421.0025(g), Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than
11 September 1, 2010.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.