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S.B. No. 2367

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual report by the Border Security Council regarding criminal street gangs and expanding gang prevention efforts.

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

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

(g) The Border Security Council shall submit to the governor a report regarding criminal street gangs and expanding gang prevention efforts. 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 and well-being 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 recruitment of youth into gangs by:

(i) identifying best practices across the United States utilized to combat criminal street gangs and gang-related crime; and

(ii) identifying factors within each municipality with a population of more than 100,000 that may make youth susceptible to gang recruitment;

(B) identify local community-based organizations

1 across the state willing to participate in a collaborative effort
2 so as to:

3 (i) assess the organization's current
4 resources; and

5 (ii) assess the organization's best
6 practices in conjunction with local law enforcement gang prevention
7 efforts; and

8 (C) identify strategies to include youth,
9 families, and community-based organizations in the decision-making
10 process so as to:

11 (i) increase interaction and communication
12 between all stakeholders;

13 (ii) establish trust between all
14 stakeholders; and

15 (iii) secure support from all stakeholders.

16 SECTION 2. The Border Security Council shall submit the
17 first annual report regarding criminal street gangs and expanding
18 gang prevention efforts to the governor as required by Subsection
19 (g), Section 421.0025, Government Code, as added by this Act, not
20 later than September 1, 2010.

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