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H.B. No. 1541

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prevention of automobile burglary and theft.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Subsections (j) and (k) to read as follows:

(j) The authority shall:

(1) develop and use standard performance measures for each category of grants provided by the authority in order to assess grantee success in achieving the purposes of this article; and

(2) ensure that grants are used to help increase:

(A) the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles;

(B) the clearance rate of motor vehicle burglaries and thefts; and

(C) the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary and theft.

(k) The authority shall allocate grant funds primarily based on the number of motor vehicles stolen in, or the motor vehicle burglary or theft rate across, the state rather than based on geographic distribution.

SECTION 2. Section 7(a), Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The authority shall develop and implement a plan of operation. The plan of operation must be updated biennially and filed with the legislature on or before December 1 of each

1 even-numbered year.

2 SECTION 3. Section 9(a), Article 4413(37), Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The Department of Public Safety may administer  
5 ~~[authority shall develop]~~ a statewide motor vehicle registration  
6 program ~~[to be administered by the Department of Public Safety]~~.  
7 This section applies only if the Department of Public Safety  
8 administers the program.

9 SECTION 4. Section 9, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes,  
10 is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

11 (h) The Department of Public Safety shall collect data  
12 regarding theft rates and types of motor vehicles enrolled in the  
13 program, the recovery rate for stolen motor vehicles enrolled in  
14 the program, and the clearance rate of burglaries and thefts of  
15 motor vehicles enrolled in the program.

16 SECTION 5. Sections 6(j) and (k), Article 4413(37), Revised  
17 Statutes, as added by this Act, apply only in relation to a grant  
18 for which the notice of funds availability or of funding  
19 opportunity is made public on or after the effective date of this  
20 Act.

21 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.