

1-1 By: McClendon (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 1541  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2011;  
1-3 April 29, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2011,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the prevention of automobile burglary and theft.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 6, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes,  
1-12 is amended by adding Subsections (j) and (k) to read as follows:

1-13 (j) The authority shall:

1-14 (1) develop and use standard performance measures for  
1-15 each category of grants provided by the authority in order to assess  
1-16 grantee success in achieving the purposes of this article; and

1-17 (2) ensure that grants are used to help increase:

1-18 (A) the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles;

1-19 (B) the clearance rate of motor vehicle  
1-20 burglaries and thefts; and

1-21 (C) the number of persons arrested for motor  
1-22 vehicle burglary and theft.

1-23 (k) The authority shall allocate grant funds primarily  
1-24 based on the number of motor vehicles stolen in, or the motor  
1-25 vehicle burglary or theft rate across, the state rather than based  
1-26 on geographic distribution.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 7(a), Article 4413(37), Revised  
1-28 Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

1-29 (a) The authority shall develop and implement a plan of  
1-30 operation. The plan of operation must be updated biennially and  
1-31 filed with the legislature on or before December 1 of each  
1-32 even-numbered year.

1-33 SECTION 3. Section 9(a), Article 4413(37), Revised  
1-34 Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

1-35 (a) The Department of Public Safety may administer  
1-36 [~~authority shall develop~~] a statewide motor vehicle registration  
1-37 program [~~to be administered by the Department of Public Safety~~].  
1-38 This section applies only if the Department of Public Safety  
1-39 administers the program.

1-40 SECTION 4. Section 9, Article 4413(37), Revised Statutes,  
1-41 is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

1-42 (h) The Department of Public Safety shall collect data  
1-43 regarding theft rates and types of motor vehicles enrolled in the  
1-44 program, the recovery rate for stolen motor vehicles enrolled in  
1-45 the program, and the clearance rate of burglaries and thefts of  
1-46 motor vehicles enrolled in the program.

1-47 SECTION 5. Sections 6(j) and (k), Article 4413(37), Revised  
1-48 Statutes, as added by this Act, apply only in relation to a grant  
1-49 for which the notice of funds availability or of funding  
1-50 opportunity is made public on or after the effective date of this  
1-51 Act.

1-52 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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