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S.B. No. 1809

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the comptroller of public accounts of the
3 economic impact of the Texas-Mexico border wall in the State of
4 Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall
7 study the economic impact of the installation of the border wall
8 near the Texas-Mexico border on this state, on local governments,
9 and on businesses, families, and individuals.

10 (b) In completing the study under this section, the
11 comptroller of public accounts shall:

12 (1) focus on the effects of the installation of the
13 wall on those businesses, families, and individuals who own land or
14 operate on land that falls between the international boundary and
15 the border wall; and

16 (2) analyze each parcel of land that falls between the
17 international boundary and the border wall and each business that
18 operates on such land.

19 (c) At the request of the comptroller of public accounts, a
20 state agency or local government shall provide information and
21 assistance in conducting the study under this section.

22 (d) The comptroller of public accounts shall provide
23 updates on the progress of the study required by this section as
24 requested at interim committee hearings conducted by the House

1 Committee on Border and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Senate
2 Committee on International Relations and Trade.

3 (e) Not later than December 1, 2012, the comptroller of
4 public accounts shall report the results of the study conducted
5 under this section to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
6 house of representatives, and the presiding officers of the House
7 Committee on Border and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Senate
8 Committee on International Relations and Trade.

9 SECTION 2. If there is no appropriation for conducting the
10 study under Section 1 of this Act, or if an appropriation for
11 conducting the study is insufficient, the comptroller of public
12 accounts shall:

13 (1) make reasonable efforts to seek gifts, grants, and
14 donations to fund the study; and

15 (2) not later than the 90th day following the
16 effective date of this Act and every additional 90 days thereafter
17 until the date the study begins, report to the legislature on the
18 progress of efforts to obtain gifts, grants, and donations under
19 Subdivision (1) of this section.

20 SECTION 3. This Act does not make an appropriation. A
21 provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program,
22 creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental
23 entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the
24 legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the
25 provision. This section does not apply if this Act does not require
26 an appropriation.

27 SECTION 4. This Act expires January 1, 2013.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.