

Amend CSSB 219 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_. STUDY REGARDING PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_.01. (a) The Texas Ethics Commission, in consultation with the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, shall conduct a study to determine whether the law enforcement functions of the Public Integrity Unit of the district attorney for the 53rd Judicial District should be transferred to a law enforcement entity or agency to maintain separation of powers between the judicial and executive branches, prevent conflicts of interest, and ensure the administration of justice. The commission and courts shall also attempt to identify in the study any other organizations in this state having both prosecutorial and law enforcement functions.

(b) In conducting the study, the commission may make additional recommendations as the commission, in consultation with the courts, considers appropriate, including any recommendations for necessary changes in law to implement those recommendations.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_.02. The Texas Ethics Commission shall, not later than September 1, 2014, report the results of the study conducted under this article and any additional recommendations to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over attorneys and the judiciary.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_.03. This article expires December 31, 2014.