

Amend SB 1356 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 414.005, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 414.005. DUTIES. The council shall:

(1) encourage, advise, and assist in the creation of crime stoppers organizations;

(2) foster the detection of crime and encourage persons to report information about criminal acts;

(3) encourage news and other media to broadcast reenactments and to inform the public of the functions of crime stoppers organizations' operations and programs;

(4) promote the process of crime stoppers organizations to forward information about criminal acts to the appropriate law enforcement agencies;

(5) help law enforcement agencies detect and combat crime by increasing the flow of information to and between law enforcement agencies;

(6) create specialized programs targeted at detecting specific crimes or types of crimes, including at least one program that:

(A) encourages individuals to report sex offenders who have failed to register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure; ~~and~~

(B) encourages individuals to report criminal activity relating to the trafficking of persons, as described under Chapter 20A, Penal Code; and

(C) financially rewards each individual who makes a report described by Paragraph (A) or (B) that leads or substantially contributes to the arrest or apprehension:

(i) of a sex offender who has failed to register under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

(ii) of a person suspected of engaging in conduct that constitutes an offense under Chapter 20A, Penal Code;

and

(7) encourage, advise, and assist crime stoppers

organizations in implementing any programs created under Subdivision (6), including a program specifically described by Subdivision (6).