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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 219 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill
4 accordingly:

5 ARTICLE ____ . STUDY REGARDING PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT

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

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

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

28 SECTION __.03. This article expires December 31, 2014.