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H.B. No. 3660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to
conduct a study and prepare a report on administrative attachment.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 419, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 419.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 419.013. STUDY ON ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT; REPORT.

(a) In this section, "state agency" means a board, commission,
department, institute, office, or other agency in the executive
branch of state government that is created by the constitution or a
statute of this state, including an institution of higher education
or other agency of higher education as defined by Section 61.003,
Education Code.

(b) The commission shall conduct a study on the
administrative attachment of the commission to another state agency
in order to:

- (1) reduce the costs associated with the commission;
- (2) improve the provision of commission services; and
- (3) lower the fees set and collected by the commission

under this chapter.

(c) The commission may request the assistance of any state
agency if the commission needs assistance to conduct the study
required under this section. The agency shall provide the
requested assistance.

1 (d) Not later than September 1, 2014, the commission shall
2 report the results of the study to the legislature, the governor,
3 and the Legislative Budget Board. The report submitted must
4 include a complete explanation of the process used by the
5 commission in conducting the study required under this section and:

6 (1) if the commission finds that administrative
7 attachment to another state agency would further the goals listed
8 in Subsection (b):

9 (A) identify a single state agency to which the
10 commission shall be administratively attached, selected using the
11 criteria prescribed by Subsection (b); and

12 (B) include drafts of proposed legislation
13 necessary to accomplish the administrative attachment; or

14 (2) if the commission finds that administrative
15 attachment to another state agency would not further the goals
16 listed in Subsection (b):

17 (A) identify, for each goal listed in Subsection
18 (b), at least five reasons why administrative attachment would not
19 further that goal;

20 (B) describe in detail the commission's plan for
21 meeting each goal listed in Subsection (b); and

22 (C) include drafts of proposed legislation
23 necessary to accomplish the commission's plan under Paragraph (B).

24 (e) This section expires September 1, 2017.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.