

Amend CSSB 3 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS as appropriate:

SECTION \_\_\_\_ . Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sec. 411.431. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "committee" means the State Law Enforcement Operations Oversight Committee established under this subchapter.

Sec. 411.432. STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (a) A State Law Enforcement Operations Oversight Committee is established to ensure transparency of state operations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity.

(b) Members of the committee are appointed as follows:

(1) five members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(2) five members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) one public member appointed by the governor.

(c) A member of the committee serves at the will of the appointing official.

(d) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the chair of the committee on an alternating basis. The chair of the committee serves a one-year term that expires September 1 of each year.

(e) A member of the committee is not entitled to receive compensation for service on the committee or reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as a member of the committee.

(f) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the committee.

Sec. 411.433. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The committee has the powers and duties of a general investigating committee under Sections 301.020, 301.024, and 301.028, including access to confidential and law enforcement sensitive information.

(b) The committee:

(1) shall monitor and regularly report to the legislature on the progress of state operations targeting

transnational gang and cartel activity, including monitoring conditions at the local level;

(2) may request from the department, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas military forces reports and any other information related to border operations considered necessary by the committee;

(3) if necessary, shall cooperate with local and federal officials to perform the committee's duties;

(4) shall meet monthly to carry out the committee's duties; and

(5) shall monitor and regularly report to the legislature regarding the impact of state operations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity on the protection of due process, the civil and human rights of border residents and visitors, and the private property rights of landowners.

(c) The committee may meet and consult with and advise local governments and federal authorities.

Sec. 411.434. REPORTS TO COMMITTEE. (a) The department, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas military forces shall submit monthly reports to the committee:

(1) on the status and progress of law enforcement operations, activities, programs, and investigations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity;

(2) providing a detailed analysis of spending, including any incremental costs, for operations, activities, programs, and investigations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity, including:

(A) salaries, equipment, and capital purchases;  
and

(B) any contracts related to operations, activities, programs, and investigations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity, and for each contract:

(i) the procurement process for the contract;

(ii) to whom the contract was awarded;

(iii) the amount of the contract; and

(iv) if the contract was an emergency

purchase under Section 2155.137, state that fact and the reason why  
it was considered an emergency; and

(3) that include:

(A) the impact of state operations, activities, programs, and investigations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity on the resources of local law enforcement authorities and the attrition of local law enforcement officers; and

(B) recommendations on minimizing the disruption to local law enforcement authorities from state operations, activities, programs, and investigations targeting transnational gang and cartel activity.

(b) The department, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas military forces shall:

(1) brief the committee in person at the request of the committee; and

(2) respond to any committee request for reports or other information under Section 411.433.

SECTION \_\_. Not later than September 1, 2015, the appointing officials described by Section 411.432, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall appoint the members of the State Law Enforcement Operations Oversight Committee established under that section. The speaker of the house of representatives shall make the first appointment to chair the committee as provided by that section.