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H.B. No. 1715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report by the comptroller on wage theft.

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

SECTION 1. REPORT ON WAGE THEFT. (a) The comptroller of public accounts, in cooperation with the Texas Workforce Commission, shall prepare a report on wage theft by employers in this state.

(b) The report must include:

(1) information regarding the demographic groups and industries most affected by wage theft;

(2) an analysis of the economic impact of wage theft on employees and its effect on competition within an industry; and

(3) an analysis, prepared by the Texas Workforce Commission, of:

(A) remedies available to victims of wage theft under state and federal law;

(B) procedural difficulties in pursuing a remedy under state or federal law; and

(C) recommendations for legislation to address the difficulties described by Paragraph (B).

(c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the comptroller shall provide a copy of the report to:

(1) the governor;

(2) the lieutenant governor;

1 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and

2 (4) each standing committee of the senate and house of
3 representatives having primary jurisdiction over matters relating
4 to labor and employment.

5 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires June 1, 2017.

6 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
7 1, 2015.