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H.B. No. 3429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an unmanned aircraft program in the office of the governor.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 490G to read as follows:

CHAPTER 490G. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Sec. 490G.001. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM; POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. (a) Using existing resources, the office of the governor shall establish a program to acquire and provide unmanned aircraft to state agencies to use for state purposes.

(b) To ensure the public safety, the office of the governor shall establish policies and procedures for a state agency to request, and for the office to grant use of, unmanned aircraft under the program.

Sec. 490G.002. DUTY OF STATE AGENCY. A state agency shall comply with this chapter, the policies and procedures adopted under this chapter, Chapter 423, and federal law when using unmanned aircraft under the program.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the office of the governor shall adopt the policies and procedures, establish the unmanned aircraft program, and acquire unmanned aircraft for state agency use as required by Section 490G.001, Government Code, as added by this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.