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H.B. No. 3771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on the effectiveness of Operation Strong
3 Safety.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY OF OPERATION STRONG SAFETY. The Homeland
6 Security Council shall conduct a study to evaluate the
7 effectiveness of Operation Strong Safety.

8 SECTION 2. SCOPE OF STUDY. (a) The study must:

9 (1) evaluate how effectively state financial
10 resources were used to address the threat of drug cartel crime along
11 the international border during the operation;

12 (2) evaluate how effectively state financial
13 resources are currently being used to address the threat of drug
14 cartel crime along the international border;

15 (3) compare the estimated amount of controlled
16 substances illegally transported across the border during
17 Operation Strong Safety with the amount of controlled substances
18 illegally transported across the border during a comparable period
19 immediately before the date the operation began; and

20 (4) compare the estimated number of firearms illegally
21 transported across the border during Operation Strong Safety with
22 the estimated number of firearms illegally transported across the
23 border during a comparable period immediately before the date the
24 operation began.

1 (b) In conducting the study, the Homeland Security Council
2 shall solicit input from and collaborate with:

3 (1) local law enforcement agencies and officials,
4 including county sheriffs' departments and local police
5 departments, on the best practices for improving state efforts to
6 combat drug and firearms trafficking; and

7 (2) to the extent feasible, the United States Border
8 Patrol.

9 SECTION 3. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The Homeland
10 Security Council shall issue a written report to the governor, the
11 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives that includes the council's findings.

13 (b) The report must be issued not later than November 30,
14 2016.

15 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 1, 2016.

16 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
17 1, 2015.