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S.B. No. 1464

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the organized crime and criminal activity division within the office of the attorney general.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 402.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.038. ORGANIZED CRIME AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DIVISION. (a) The office of the attorney general shall establish an organized crime and criminal activity division.

(b) To address matters related to border security and organized crime, the organized crime and criminal activity division shall:

(1) establish within the office a prosecution unit to provide critical assistance to local prosecutors;

(2) establish within the office a trafficking of persons unit to:

(A) assist local law enforcement agencies and local prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting trafficking of persons and related crimes; and

(B) work with the appropriate local and state agencies to identify victims of trafficking of persons and provide comprehensive services to address the needs of those victims; and

(3) develop initiatives to provide greater state assistance, support, and coordination among state law enforcement

1 agencies, local law enforcement agencies, and local prosecutors.

2 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the office of
3 the attorney general shall establish the organized crime and
4 criminal activity division as required by Section 402.038,
5 Government Code, as added by this Act.

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