

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1464
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 19, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Border Security;
 1-4 April 14, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military
 1-6 Installations; April 20, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-7 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
 1-8 April 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1464 By: Lucio

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of the transnational and organized crime
 1-22 division within the office of the attorney general.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 402.038 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 402.038. TRANSNATIONAL AND ORGANIZED CRIME DIVISION.

1-27 (a) The office of the attorney general shall establish a
 1-28 transnational and organized crime division.

1-29 (b) To address matters related to border security and
 1-30 organized crime, the transnational and organized crime division
 1-31 shall:

1-32 (1) establish within the division a prosecution unit
 1-33 to provide critical assistance to local prosecutors;

1-34 (2) using existing funds, establish within the
 1-35 division a trafficking of persons unit to:

1-36 (A) assist local law enforcement agencies and
 1-37 local prosecutors in investigating and prosecuting trafficking of
 1-38 persons and related crimes; and

1-39 (B) work with the appropriate local and state
 1-40 agencies to identify victims of trafficking of persons and to
 1-41 provide the types of assistance available for those victims under
 1-42 Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

1-43 (3) develop initiatives to provide greater state
 1-44 assistance, support, and coordination among state law enforcement
 1-45 agencies, local law enforcement agencies, and local prosecutors.

1-46 (c) Assistance provided by the division under this section
 1-47 may include the assistance authorized under Section 402.028.

1-48 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the office of
 1-49 the attorney general shall establish the transnational and
 1-50 organized crime division as required by Section 402.038, Government
 1-51 Code, as added by this Act.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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