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S.B. No. 1669

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the designation of an office in the Department of
Agriculture to focus on matters relating to colonias.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 775.002(a) and (b), Government Code,
are amended to read as follows:

(a) Contingent on the legislature's appropriation of
sufficient funds, the Department of Agriculture shall ~~[The governor
may]~~ designate an office within the department to focus on matters
relating to colonias. The designated office shall ~~[an agency to]~~
act as the state's colonia initiatives coordinator.

(b) The ~~[If appointed under Subsection (a), the]~~ colonia
initiatives coordinator shall coordinate colonia initiatives
within the Department of Agriculture ~~[agency]~~ and with the other
agencies and local officials involved in colonia projects in the
state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2015.