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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend S.B. No. 302 as follows:

2 (1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to
3 the bill:

4 SECTION _____. Section 81.076, Government Code, is amended
5 by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (i) to read as
6 follows:

7 (h) The commission shall report to the board of directors,
8 the supreme court, and the legislature, at least annually,
9 concerning the state of the attorney discipline system and make
10 recommendations concerning the refinement and improvement of the
11 system. The commission's report must include:

12 (1) the number and final disposition of grievances
13 filed, dismissed, and investigated under and the disciplinary
14 decisions issued under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional
15 Conduct relating to barratry, including the improper solicitation
16 of clients;

17 (2) the chief disciplinary counsel's cooperation with
18 local, state, or federal agencies in the investigation or
19 prosecution of civil actions or criminal offenses related to
20 barratry, including the number of grievances the chief disciplinary
21 counsel referred to or received from a law enforcement agency;

22 (3) barriers to the investigation and prosecution of
23 barratry-related criminal offenses or civil actions under existing
24 criminal and civil laws or to enforcement under the Texas
25 Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; and

26 (4) recommendations for improving the attorney
27 discipline system, the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional
28 Conduct, or other state laws relating to barratry or improper
29 solicitation of clients.

1 (i) The commission shall prepare a summary of the
2 information included in the report under Subsection (h) and make
3 information available to the public regarding barratry-related
4 grievances, including the final disposition of the grievances, to
5 the extent allowable under, and consistent with, confidentiality
6 laws and rules.

7 SECTION _____. Not later than September 1, 2018, the
8 Commission for Lawyer Discipline shall include information
9 regarding barratry in the report required under Section 81.076(h),
10 Government Code, as amended by this Act.

11 (2) Renumber SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.