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H.B. No. 3690

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Crime Stoppers Council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 414.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 414.004. DIRECTOR. The ~~[council and the]~~ executive director of the criminal justice division of the governor's office, with input from the council, shall designate a person to serve as director. ~~[The director must be approved by the governor.]~~ The executive director ~~[council]~~ shall consult with the council to define the director's authority and responsibilities.

SECTION 2. Section 414.012, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 414.012. STATEWIDE CRIME REPORTING SYSTEMS ~~[TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE]~~. The council shall establish a statewide ~~[and operate a toll-free]~~ telephone service and other appropriate systems to allow information about criminal acts to be reported to the council and shall make the telephone service and other reporting systems accessible at all times to persons residing in areas of the state not served by a crime stoppers organization ~~[for reporting to the council information about criminal acts]~~. ~~[The toll-free service must be available between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 5 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Monday.]~~ The council shall forward the information received to

1 appropriate law enforcement agencies or crime stoppers
2 organization.

3 SECTION 3. Article 102.013(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) The legislature shall appropriate funds from the crime
6 stoppers assistance account to the Criminal Justice Division of the
7 Governor's Office. The Criminal Justice Division may use 10
8 percent of the funds for the operation of the statewide [~~toll-free~~]
9 telephone service or other appropriate systems for the reporting of
10 crime under Section 414.012, Government Code, and shall distribute
11 the remainder of the funds only to crime stoppers organizations.
12 The Criminal Justice Division may adopt a budget and rules to
13 implement the distribution of these funds.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.