

1-1 By: Metcalf (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 3690
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the Texas Crime Stoppers Council.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 414.004, Government Code, is amended to
 1-22 read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 414.004. DIRECTOR. The ~~[council and the]~~ executive
 1-24 director of the criminal justice division of the governor's office,
 1-25 with input from the council, shall designate a person to serve as
 1-26 director. [The director must be approved by the governor.] The
 1-27 executive director [council] shall consult with the council to
 1-28 define the director's authority and responsibilities.
 1-29 SECTION 2. Section 414.012, Government Code, is amended to
 1-30 read as follows:
 1-31 Sec. 414.012. STATEWIDE CRIME REPORTING SYSTEMS ~~[TOLL-FREE~~
 1-32 ~~TELEPHONE SERVICE]~~. The council shall establish a statewide ~~[and~~
 1-33 ~~operate a toll-free]~~ telephone service and other appropriate
 1-34 systems to allow information about criminal acts to be reported to
 1-35 the council and shall make the telephone service and other
 1-36 reporting systems accessible at all times to persons residing in
 1-37 areas of the state not served by a crime stoppers organization [for
 1-38 reporting to the council information about criminal acts]. [The
 1-39 toll-free service must be available between the hours of 5 p.m. and
 1-40 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 5 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m.
 1-41 Monday.] The council shall forward the information received to
 1-42 appropriate law enforcement agencies or crime stoppers
 1-43 organization.
 1-44 SECTION 3. Article 102.013(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
 1-45 is amended to read as follows:
 1-46 (a) The legislature shall appropriate funds from the crime
 1-47 stoppers assistance account to the Criminal Justice Division of the
 1-48 Governor's Office. The Criminal Justice Division may use 10
 1-49 percent of the funds for the operation of the statewide [toll-free]
 1-50 telephone service or other appropriate systems for the reporting of
 1-51 crime under Section 414.012, Government Code, and shall distribute
 1-52 the remainder of the funds only to crime stoppers organizations.
 1-53 The Criminal Justice Division may adopt a budget and rules to
 1-54 implement the distribution of these funds.
 1-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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