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H.B. No. 4422

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4422:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study on enhancing border security outcomes through  
3 public safety, technological, and transportation infrastructure  
4 improvements near Texas-Mexico border crossings.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "department" means the  
7 Texas Department of Transportation.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY. (a) The department shall conduct a study  
9 on public safety, border security, and transportation  
10 infrastructure from Texas-Mexico border crossings onto the state  
11 highway system to ensure safe, efficient, and streamlined  
12 commercial motor vehicle connectivity that amplify Operation Lone  
13 Star efforts.

14 (b) The department shall conduct the study in consultation  
15 with:

16 (1) the Department of Public Safety of the State of  
17 Texas;

18 (2) the Texas Military Department;

19 (3) the Texas A&M Transportation Institute;

20 (4) local law enforcement agencies near the  
21 Texas-Mexico border;

22 (5) representatives of the transportation industry  
23 determined relevant by the department; and

24 (6) an independent nonprofit applied research and

1 development organization selected by the department.

2 (c) As part the study, the department shall:

3 (1) select multiple Texas-Mexico international border  
4 crossings that serve commercial vehicles, as determined by the  
5 department;

6 (2) analyze current transportation routes for  
7 commercial vehicles from border crossings selected under  
8 Subdivision (1) onto the state highway system and identify ways to:

9 (A) strengthen border security initiatives that  
10 support Operation Lone Star or similar state security efforts;

11 (B) support law enforcement response efforts  
12 near border crossings to maximize:

13 (i) oversight of border crossings;

14 (ii) inspection of vehicles using the  
15 border crossing; and

16 (iii) use of public safety resources;

17 (C) enhance transportation infrastructure and  
18 road technology near border crossings to:

19 (i) maximize the safety of communities  
20 located near the border and people using the highways near the  
21 border; and

22 (ii) improve transportation efficiency and  
23 commercial motor vehicle connectivity; and

24 (D) reduce traffic congestion along  
25 transportation routes while mitigating safety concerns;

26 (3) consider possible future transportation routes  
27 that will:

1 (A) improve efficiency in the movement of  
2 commercial motor vehicles from border crossings onto the state  
3 highway system; and

4 (B) enhance public safety, mitigate traffic  
5 congestion, and streamline commercial motor vehicle connectivity;

6 (4) assess current technologies used to promote border  
7 security efforts at commercial inspection facilities at or near  
8 border crossings and identify upgrades to existing technologies or  
9 alternative technologies that may improve border security efforts;  
10 and

11 (5) identify funding strategies and determine the  
12 amount of state money needed to improve the processing and flow of  
13 commercial motor vehicles at border crossings and improve  
14 transportation efficiency and commercial motor vehicle  
15 connectivity.

16 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2024, the  
17 department shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
18 and the legislature a written report on the findings of the study  
19 conducted under this Act and any recommendations of the department.

20 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2025.

21 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
22 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
23 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
24 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
25 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.