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H.B. No. 101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating the Texas State Guard Professionalization Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 437, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 437.311 to read as follows:

Sec. 437.311. TEXAS STATE GUARD PROFESSIONALIZATION TASK FORCE. (a) The Texas State Guard Professionalization Task Force is created to advise the adjutant general on the professionalization of the Texas State Guard.

(b) The task force is composed of:

(1) the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee;

(2) the director of the Department of Public Safety or the director's designee;

(3) the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the chief's designee;

(4) the executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation or the executive director's designee;

(5) the director of the Texas A&M Forest Service or the director's designee; and

(6) the executive head of any other state agency or the executive head's designee as determined by the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee.

1 (c) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee
2 is the chair of the task force.

3 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the chair as
4 often as necessary to perform the task force's duties.

5 (e) The task force shall:

6 (1) examine the state missions and operations of the
7 Texas State Guard using statistical analyses and data received from
8 focus groups and other research methods, including identifying the
9 short- and long-term critical state missions and operations needs
10 of the Texas State Guard;

11 (2) identify any existing and potential challenges and
12 threats to the Texas State Guard's operations, including critical
13 infrastructure;

14 (3) develop solutions to overcome the challenges and
15 threats identified under Subdivision (2);

16 (4) develop strategies to:

17 (A) professionalize the Texas State Guard; and

18 (B) develop the capabilities of the Texas State
19 Guard that are consistent with the findings and determinations made
20 under this subsection;

21 (5) recommend to the adjutant general and the
22 governor:

23 (A) policy priorities to address the long-term
24 needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

25 (B) the solutions developed under Subdivision
26 (3) and policy priorities and budgetary needs to implement those
27 solutions; and

1 (6) advise the adjutant general and the governor
2 regarding the staffing, facilities, equipment, and technology
3 needed to implement the strategies developed under Subdivision (4).

4 (f) Not later than August 31, 2026, the task force shall
5 submit a report to the adjutant general and the governor that
6 contains the task force's findings and recommendations described by
7 Subsection (e)(5).

8 (g) This section expires September 1, 2026.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.