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H.B. No. 1170

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to analysis and mitigation of transportation security threats in this state.

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Safety Commission.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

(3) "Director" means the public safety director.

(4) "Division" means the Intelligence and Counterterrorism division of the department.

SECTION 2. TRANSPORTATION SECURITY THREAT ANALYSIS. (a)

The division shall conduct an analysis of emerging and potential future threats to transportation security in this state. The analysis must include threats posed by the following:

(1) evolving tactics by terrorist organizations that may pose a catastrophic risk to an aviation or surface transportation entity;

(2) explosive devices or attacks involving the use of explosives that may cause catastrophic damage to an aviation or surface transportation system;

(3) the release of chemical or biological agents in either aviation or surface transportation systems;

(4) cyberthreat actors seeking to undermine

1 confidence in transportation systems or cause service disruptions
2 that jeopardize transportation security;

3 (5) unmanned aerial systems with the capability of
4 inflicting harm on transportation targets;

5 (6) individuals or groups seeking to attack soft
6 targets, public areas, or crowded spaces of transportation systems,
7 including attacks against transportation security personnel;

8 (7) foreign actors seeking to exploit vulnerabilities
9 posed by inconsistent or inadequate security screening protocols at
10 last point of departure airports with direct flights to this state;

11 (8) information-sharing challenges within state
12 government and between state government and private and
13 governmental entities; and

14 (9) growth in passenger volume in both the aviation
15 and surface transportation sectors in this state.

16 (b) In conducting the analysis required under Subsection
17 (a) of this section, the division shall engage transportation
18 stakeholders and account for security concerns of transportation
19 operators by:

20 (1) convening at least three industry day events for
21 stakeholders to hear from relevant public and private sector
22 security partners and provide feedback on emerging threats
23 identified by the stakeholders;

24 (2) developing strategies to solicit consistent
25 feedback from stakeholders across all modes of transportation and
26 providing consistent responses to stakeholder concerns;

27 (3) improving the quality, timeliness, and relevancy

1 of information-sharing products disseminated by the division to
2 stakeholders, including classified information-sharing products;

3 (4) coordinating security incident response and
4 communications drills, including tabletop exercises, to improve
5 incident preparedness and response capabilities across
6 transportation modes and among transportation systems;

7 (5) encouraging regular communication between
8 governmental entities responsible for transportation security and
9 stakeholders; and

10 (6) establishing regular opportunities for senior
11 department leadership to engage with stakeholders regarding
12 changes in the threat environment and ways the department can offer
13 security support to address those changes.

14 (c) Not later than June 1, 2026, the division shall submit
15 the analysis required under Subsection (a) of this section to the
16 commission and director.

17 SECTION 3. MITIGATION. Not later than October 1, 2026, the
18 director shall:

19 (1) develop, as appropriate, a threat mitigation
20 strategy for each of the threats examined in the analysis; and

21 (2) assign appropriate department resources to
22 address those threats based on the calculated risk or provide
23 recommendations to the appropriate governmental entity responsible
24 for addressing those threats.

25 SECTION 4. REPORT. (a) Not later than November 1, 2026, the
26 director shall:

27 (1) prepare a report on the results of the analysis

1 required under Section 2 of this Act and relevant mitigation
2 strategies developed in accordance with Section 3 of this Act; and

3 (2) notify each standing committee of the legislature
4 with primary jurisdiction over transportation of the completion of
5 the report and inform those committees of any relevant findings in
6 the report as the director determines necessary.

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (a) of this section,
8 the information in the report is confidential and not subject to
9 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

10 SECTION 5. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 31, 2026.

11 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
12 1, 2025.