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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Texas Commission on Border
Security and Illegal Immigration.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 3, Government Code, is amended
by adding Chapter 330 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 330. TEXAS COMMISSION ON BORDER SECURITY AND ILLEGAL

IMMIGRATION

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 330.001. SHORT TITLE. This chapter is known as the
Texas Commission on Border Security and Illegal Immigration Act.

Sec. 330.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Border
Security and Illegal Immigration.

(2) "State agency" means a department, board,
commission, office, or other agency in the executive, legislative,
or judicial branch of state government. The term includes an
institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003,
Education Code.

SUBCHAPTER B. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION

Sec. 330.051. ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION. The Texas
Commission on Border Security and Illegal Immigration is an
advisory commission composed of 11 members as follows:

(1) the lieutenant governor or the lieutenant

1 governor's designee;

2 (2) the speaker of the house of representatives or the
3 speaker's designee;

4 (3) the governor or the governor's designee;

5 (4) the attorney general or the attorney general's
6 designee;

7 (5) the comptroller or the comptroller's designee;

8 (6) three members of the house of representatives
9 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, as
10 follows:

11 (A) not more than two members from the same
12 political party; and

13 (B) at least one member who represents a
14 legislative district containing territory bordering this state's
15 international border with Mexico; and

16 (7) three members of the senate appointed by the
17 lieutenant governor, as follows:

18 (A) not more than two members from the same
19 political party; and

20 (B) at least one member who represents a
21 legislative district containing territory bordering this state's
22 international border with Mexico.

23 Sec. 330.052. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor or
24 governor's designee or, at the discretion of the governor, the
25 lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor's designee shall serve
26 as presiding officer of the commission.

27 Sec. 330.053. VOTE. A vote of the majority of the

1 commission members present when a quorum is present is an action of
2 the commission.

3 Sec. 330.054. MEETINGS. The commission shall meet at least
4 quarterly and at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

5 Sec. 330.055. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT. A commission
6 member is not entitled to compensation for the member's service but
7 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with the
8 General Appropriations Act.

9 Sec. 330.056. STAFF. The office of the governor shall staff
10 the commission.

11 SUBCHAPTER C. COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES

12 Sec. 330.101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission
13 shall:

14 (1) conduct a thorough review of the economic, legal,
15 cultural, and educational impact of illegal immigration on this
16 state and its political subdivisions;

17 (2) conduct a thorough examination of state and
18 federal laws relating to immigration, migration, and guest worker
19 programs;

20 (3) conduct a thorough review of state laws impacting
21 illegal immigration;

22 (4) develop a comprehensive list of infrastructure
23 projects supporting border security in counties on the Texas-Mexico
24 border;

25 (5) study the impact of a state migrant worker program
26 on providing employees to industries most in need of skilled or
27 unskilled migrant labor;

1 (6) develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and
2 sustainable state plan to address:

3 (A) illegal immigration and the influx of illegal
4 immigration in this state;

5 (B) immigration and the use of migrant workers in
6 this state; and

7 (C) integration of immigrants with residents of
8 this state;

9 (7) recommend to the governor and the legislature
10 administrative and legislative actions necessary to implement the
11 state plan described in Subdivision (6):

12 (A) consistent with the respective
13 constitutional powers, rights, and responsibilities of the United
14 States and of this state; and

15 (B) necessary to protect the health, safety, and
16 welfare of the residents of this state; and

17 (8) to encourage a comprehensive, coordinated, and
18 sustainable state response to issues related to immigration, advise
19 the governor and the legislature on proposed legislation related to
20 border security and illegal immigration on request of:

21 (A) the governor;

22 (B) the lieutenant governor;

23 (C) the speaker of the house of representatives;

24 (D) a member of the minority party in the senate
25 chosen by the senators who are members of that party; or

26 (E) a member of the minority party in the house of
27 representatives chosen by the representatives who are members of

1 that party.

2 Sec. 330.102. STATE AGENCY INFORMATION. (a) The
3 commission may request a state agency to provide to the commission
4 available agency information the commission considers necessary to
5 discharge the commission's duties under this chapter.

6 (b) A state agency shall cooperate with the commission to
7 provide the requested information under Subsection (a):

8 (1) to the extent not inconsistent with law;

9 (2) within the limits of the agency's statutory
10 authority; and

11 (3) timely as necessary to accomplish the purposes of
12 this chapter.

13 Sec. 330.103. TESTIMONY; EXPERT CONSULTANTS. (a) In
14 performing its powers and duties, the commission may invite
15 testimony from the governor, legislators, state agencies, and
16 members of the public.

17 (b) The commission may consult with experts or other
18 knowledgeable public or private individuals on any matter related
19 to the commission's powers and duties under this chapter.

20 Sec. 330.104. PUBLIC HEARING. The commission may hold one
21 or more public hearings the commission considers advisable and in
22 locations in this state the commission selects to afford interested
23 persons an opportunity to appear and present views on any subject
24 relating to the commission's powers and duties under this chapter.

25 Sec. 330.105. REPORT. (a) The commission annually shall
26 report to the legislature and governor on commission activities and
27 recommendations.

1 (a-1) The commission shall submit an initial report to the
2 legislature and governor not later than six months after the date of
3 the first commission meeting. The commission shall submit its
4 first annual report to the legislature and governor not later than
5 six months after the date the initial report is submitted, or as
6 soon as practicable after that date. This subsection expires
7 January 1, 2028.

8 (b) The commission on request shall provide to members of
9 the public any report submitted under this section.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.