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H.B. No. 2308

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, not more
10 than two of whom may be from the same political party; and

11 (7) three members of the senate appointed by the
12 lieutenant governor, not more than two of whom may be from the same
13 political party.

14 Sec. 330.052. PRESIDING OFFICER. The governor or
15 governor's designee or, at the discretion of the governor, the
16 lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor's designee shall serve
17 as presiding officer of the commission.

18 Sec. 330.053. VOTE. A vote of the majority of the
19 commission members present when a quorum is present is an action of
20 the commission.

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

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

27 Sec. 330.056. STAFF. The office of the governor shall staff

1 the commission.

2 SUBCHAPTER C. COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES

3 Sec. 330.101. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The commission
4 shall:

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

8 (2) conduct a thorough examination of state and
9 federal laws relating to immigration, migration, and guest worker
10 programs;

11 (3) conduct a thorough review of state laws impacting
12 illegal immigration;

13 (4) develop a comprehensive list of infrastructure
14 projects supporting border security in counties on the Texas-Mexico
15 border;

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

19 (6) develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and
20 sustainable state plan to address:

21 (A) illegal immigration and the influx of illegal
22 immigration in this state;

23 (B) immigration and the use of migrant workers in
24 this state; and

25 (C) integration of immigrants with residents of
26 this state;

27 (7) recommend to the governor and the legislature

1 administrative and legislative actions necessary to implement the
2 state plan described in Subdivision (6):

3 (A) consistent with the respective
4 constitutional powers, rights, and responsibilities of the United
5 States and of this state; and

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

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

12 (A) the governor;

13 (B) the lieutenant governor;

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

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

17 (E) a member of the minority party in the house of
18 representatives chosen by the representatives who are members of
19 that party.

20 Sec. 330.102. STATE AGENCY INFORMATION. (a) The
21 commission may request a state agency to provide to the commission
22 available agency information the commission considers necessary to
23 discharge the commission's duties under this chapter.

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

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

27 (2) within the limits of the agency's statutory

1 authority; and

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

4 Sec. 330.103. TESTIMONY; EXPERT CONSULTANTS. (a) In
5 performing its powers and duties, the commission may invite
6 testimony from the governor, legislators, state agencies, and
7 members of the public.

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

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

16 Sec. 330.105. REPORT. (a) The commission annually shall
17 report to the legislature and governor on commission activities and
18 recommendations.

19 (a-1) The commission shall submit an initial report to the
20 legislature and governor not later than six months after the date of
21 the first commission meeting. The commission shall submit its
22 first annual report to the legislature and governor not later than
23 six months after the date the initial report is submitted, or as
24 soon as practicable after that date. This subsection expires
25 January 1, 2028.

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

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