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S.B. No. 135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation, operation, and powers of the Texas Division of Homeland Security.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B-2 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B-2. TEXAS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Sec. 411.0281. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "division" means the Texas Division of Homeland Security created under this subchapter.

Sec. 411.0282. CREATION OF DIVISION; CHIEF. (a) The Texas Division of Homeland Security is created as a division of the department.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 411.015, the division may not be abolished.

(c) The director shall appoint a chief to be the division's chief administrative officer.

Sec. 411.0283. BORDER OPERATIONS. The division may conduct border security operations along the Texas-Mexico border, including:

(1) law enforcement operations;

(2) intelligence gathering, analysis, and dissemination;

(3) coordination and command of state agencies in

1 border security operations led by the division;

2 (4) surveillance and detection of criminal activity,  
3 including illegal entry of individuals from foreign nations and the  
4 smuggling of individuals and controlled substances, using cameras,  
5 unmanned aircraft, and other technologies;

6 (5) interdiction of individuals committing criminal  
7 activity described by Subdivision (4);

8 (6) coordination of local, state, and federal agencies  
9 conducting border security operations, including tactical  
10 operations such as special response teams, brush teams, and special  
11 weapons and tactics teams; and

12 (7) training and education programs for the  
13 professional development of employees and agency partners carrying  
14 out border security operations.

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