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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of border crime for purposes of the prosecution of border crime grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 772.0071(a)(1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Border crime" means any crime involving transnational criminal activity that undermines public safety or security, including an offense:

(A) during the prosecution of which an affirmative finding may be requested under Article 42A.054(c) or (d), Code of Criminal Procedure;

(B) under Chapter 19, 20, 20A, 21, 22, 46, 47, or 71, Penal Code;

(C) under Title 7 or 8, Penal Code;

(D) under Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code;

(E) under Chapter 424 of this code;

(F) committed by a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and is not lawfully present in the United States; or

(G) [~~(F)~~] that is coordinated with or related to activities or crimes that occur or are committed in the United Mexican States.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.