

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1389  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 18, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources and  
 1-4 Economic Development; April 29, 2015, reported adversely, with  
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-6 Nays 1; April 29, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1389 By: Lucio

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the border commerce coordinator.  
 1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-25 SECTION 1. Section 772.010, Government Code, as added by  
 1-26 Chapter 1339 (H.B. 564), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular  
 1-27 Session, 1999, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:  
 1-28 Sec. 772.010. BORDER COMMERCE COORDINATOR. (a) The  
 1-29 governor shall designate a border commerce coordinator in the  
 1-30 governor's office or the office of the secretary of state as  
 1-31 determined by the governor. The coordinator shall:  
 1-32 (1) examine trade issues between the United States,  
 1-33 Mexico, and Canada;  
 1-34 (2) act as an ombudsman for government agencies within  
 1-35 the Texas and Mexico border region to help reduce regulations by  
 1-36 improving communication and cooperation between federal, state,  
 1-37 and local governments;  
 1-38 (3) work with federal officials to resolve  
 1-39 transportation issues involving infrastructure, including roads  
 1-40 and bridges, to allow for the efficient movement of goods and people  
 1-41 across the border between Texas and Mexico;  
 1-42 (4) work with federal officials to create a unified  
 1-43 federal agency process to streamline border crossing needs;  
 1-44 (5) work to increase funding for the North American  
 1-45 Development Bank to assist in the financing of water and wastewater  
 1-46 facilities; ~~and~~  
 1-47 (6) explore the sale of excess electric power from  
 1-48 Texas to Mexico;  
 1-49 (7) study the flow of commerce at ports of entry  
 1-50 between this state and Mexico, including the movement of commercial  
 1-51 vehicles across the border, and establish a plan to aid that  
 1-52 commerce and improve the movement of those vehicles;  
 1-53 (8) work to identify problems associated with border  
 1-54 truck inspections and related trade and transportation  
 1-55 infrastructure and develop recommendations for addressing those  
 1-56 problems;  
 1-57 (9) work with the appropriate state and federal  
 1-58 agencies to develop initiatives to mitigate congestion at ports of  
 1-59 entry; and  
 1-60 (10) develop recommendations designed to:

- 2-1 (A) increase trade by attracting new business
- 2-2 ventures;
- 2-3 (B) support expansion of existing and new
- 2-4 industries; and
- 2-5 (C) address workforce training needs.

2-6 (b) The governor shall appoint a border commerce  
 2-7 coordinator to serve at the will of the governor in the governor's  
 2-8 office or in the office of the secretary of state and may select the  
 2-9 secretary of state as the coordinator.

2-10 (c) The coordinator shall work with the interagency work  
 2-11 group established under Section 772.011, with local governments,  
 2-12 metropolitan planning organizations, and other appropriate  
 2-13 community organizations adjacent to the border of this state with  
 2-14 Mexico, and with comparable entities in Mexican states adjacent to  
 2-15 that border to address the unique planning and capacity needs of  
 2-16 those areas. The coordinator shall assist those governments,  
 2-17 organizations, and entities to identify and develop initiatives to  
 2-18 address those needs. Before January 1 of each year, the coordinator  
 2-19 shall submit to the presiding officer of each house of the  
 2-20 legislature a report of the coordinator's activities under this  
 2-21 subsection during the preceding year.

2-22 (d) The coordinator shall:

2-23 (1) work with private industry and appropriate  
 2-24 entities of Texas and the United States to require that low-sulfur  
 2-25 fuel be sold along highways in Texas carrying increased traffic  
 2-26 related to activities under the North American Free Trade  
 2-27 Agreement; and

2-28 (2) work with representatives of the government of  
 2-29 Mexico and the governments of Mexican states bordering Texas to  
 2-30 increase the use of low-sulfur fuel.

2-31 (e) The coordinator shall appoint a border mayor task force,  
 2-32 to be named the Texas Good Neighbor Committee, consisting of the  
 2-33 mayors from every municipality located in this state along the  
 2-34 border between Texas and Mexico that has an adjoining sister city in  
 2-35 Mexico. The task force shall:

2-36 (1) advise the coordinator on key trade, security, and  
 2-37 transportation-related issues important to the municipalities  
 2-38 appointed to the task force;

2-39 (2) hold quarterly meetings with mayors from Mexico  
 2-40 to:

- 2-41 (A) increase:
  - 2-42 (i) cooperation;
  - 2-43 (ii) communication; and
  - 2-44 (iii) the flow of information;
- 2-45 (B) identify problems; and
- 2-46 (C) recommend solutions;

2-47 (3) seek assistance and input from private sector  
 2-48 stakeholders involved in commerce to identify issues to address;  
 2-49 and

2-50 (4) provide recommendations to assist the coordinator  
 2-51 in carrying out the coordinator's statutory duties.

2-52 SECTION 2. (a) Section 772.010, Government Code, as added  
 2-53 by Chapter 429 (S.B. 1136), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular  
 2-54 Session, 1999, is repealed.

2-55 (b) Section 3(a), Chapter 1215 (H.B. 925), Acts of the 79th  
 2-56 Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, which reenacted and amended  
 2-57 Section 772.010, Government Code, as added by Chapters 429 (S.B.  
 2-58 1136) and 1339 (H.B. 564), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular  
 2-59 Session, 1999, is repealed.

2-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 2-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 2-62 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 2-63 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 2-64 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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