

1-1 By: Darby, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 632  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;  
1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the establishment of an advisory committee for the  
1-18 TexNet seismic monitoring program.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 67, Education Code, is  
1-21 amended by adding Section 67.72 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 67.72. TEXNET TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In  
1-23 this section, "program" means the TexNet seismic monitoring program  
1-24 administered by the bureau.

1-25 (b) The TexNet Technical Advisory Committee is established  
1-26 as an advisory committee within the bureau.

1-27 (c) The advisory committee consists of nine members  
1-28 appointed by the governor who work or reside in this state,  
1-29 including:

1-30 (1) one representative of the Railroad Commission of  
1-31 Texas who specializes in seismology, geomechanical engineering,  
1-32 reservoir engineering, or another related field recommended to the  
1-33 governor by the executive director of the Railroad Commission of  
1-34 Texas; and

1-35 (2) at least three representatives from the oil and  
1-36 gas industry, not to include the representative appointed under  
1-37 Subdivision (1).

1-38 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the advisory  
1-39 committee as the chair of the advisory committee to serve in that  
1-40 capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

1-41 (e) A person affiliated with the bureau or under contract  
1-42 for services with the bureau may not serve as a voting member of the  
1-43 advisory committee.

1-44 (f) The director of the bureau shall serve, ex officio, as a  
1-45 nonvoting member of the advisory committee.

1-46 (g) The advisory committee shall:

1-47 (1) in coordination with the bureau, develop  
1-48 recommendations for a program of work to assist the program and any  
1-49 research efforts affiliated with the program in accomplishing the  
1-50 goals of the program, including recommendations regarding:

1-51 (A) the acquisition and deployment of equipment;

1-52 (B) contracting with vendors;

1-53 (C) determining the scope of research programs  
1-54 associated with the program; and

1-55 (D) determining the scope of any use of funds  
1-56 appropriated by the legislature for the program or associated  
1-57 research;

1-58 (2) review and approve or reject expenditures made in  
1-59 connection with the program;

1-60 (3) prepare and approve an annual budget for the use of  
1-61 any funds appropriated for the program by the legislature;

2-1                   (4) provide oversight and input on the acquisition,  
2-2 deployment, and operation of new and existing program equipment;  
2-3                   (5) ensure that there is a monthly transmission of the  
2-4 data collected by seismic equipment operated under the program to  
2-5 the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database;  
2-6 and  
2-7                   (6) meet with the bureau quarterly to discuss the  
2-8 progress of the program, expenditures made in connection with the  
2-9 program, and any other information related to the program that the  
2-10 advisory committee finds necessary.  
2-11                   (h) Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year,  
2-12 the advisory committee and the bureau jointly shall prepare and  
2-13 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of  
2-14 the house of representatives a report that includes:  
2-15                   (1) a review of the use of any funds appropriated for  
2-16 the program by the legislature;  
2-17                   (2) a complete listing and accounting of all research  
2-18 funded through the program, including:  
2-19                   (A) a list of contractors employed under the  
2-20 program;  
2-21                   (B) an itemized budget for each program element;  
2-22 and  
2-23                   (C) a list of the geographic coverage of the  
2-24 program; and  
2-25                   (3) recommendations related to the ongoing operations  
2-26 and requirements of the program.  
2-27                   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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