

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - King) H.B. No. 101
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
 1-3 May 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Parker			X	
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hagenbuch	X			
1-12 Hall			X	
1-13 Menéndez	X			
1-14				

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to creating the Texas State Guard Professionalization Task
 1-18 Force.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 437, Government Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 437.311 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 437.311. TEXAS STATE GUARD PROFESSIONALIZATION TASK
 1-23 FORCE. (a) The Texas State Guard Professionalization Task Force is
 1-24 created to advise the adjutant general on the professionalization
 1-25 of the Texas State Guard.

1-26 (b) The task force is composed of:

1-27 (1) the adjutant general or the adjutant general's
 1-28 designee;

1-29 (2) the director of the Department of Public Safety or
 1-30 the director's designee;

1-31 (3) the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency
 1-32 Management or the chief's designee;

1-33 (4) the executive director of the Texas Department of
 1-34 Transportation or the executive director's designee;

1-35 (5) the director of the Texas A&M Forest Service or the
 1-36 director's designee; and

1-37 (6) the executive head of any other state agency or the
 1-38 executive head's designee as determined by the adjutant general or
 1-39 the adjutant general's designee.

1-40 (c) The adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee
 1-41 is the chair of the task force.

1-42 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the chair as
 1-43 often as necessary to perform the task force's duties.

1-44 (e) The task force shall:

1-45 (1) examine the state missions and operations of the
 1-46 Texas State Guard using statistical analyses and data received from
 1-47 focus groups and other research methods, including identifying the
 1-48 short- and long-term critical state missions and operations needs
 1-49 of the Texas State Guard;

1-50 (2) identify any existing and potential challenges and
 1-51 threats to the Texas State Guard's operations, including critical
 1-52 infrastructure;

1-53 (3) develop solutions to overcome the challenges and
 1-54 threats identified under Subdivision (2);

1-55 (4) develop strategies to:

1-56 (A) professionalize the Texas State Guard; and

1-57 (B) develop the capabilities of the Texas State
 1-58 Guard that are consistent with the findings and determinations made
 1-59 under this subsection;

1-60 (5) recommend to the adjutant general and the
 1-61 governor:

2-1 (A) policy priorities to address the long-term
2-2 needs identified under Subdivision (1); and
2-3 (B) the solutions developed under Subdivision
2-4 (3) and policy priorities and budgetary needs to implement those
2-5 solutions; and
2-6 (6) advise the adjutant general and the governor
2-7 regarding the staffing, facilities, equipment, and technology
2-8 needed to implement the strategies developed under Subdivision (4).
2-9 (f) Not later than August 31, 2026, the task force shall
2-10 submit a report to the adjutant general and the governor that
2-11 contains the task force's findings and recommendations described by
2-12 Subsection (e)(5).
2-13 (g) This section expires September 1, 2026.

2-14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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