

1-1 By: Perez of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 201  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 12, 2025, rereferred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-5 May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Paxton	X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X		
1-12	Birdwell	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker		X	
1-17	Perry	X		
1-18	Schwertner		X	
1-19	Zaffirini	X		

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the financial crimes intelligence center.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 2312.001, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-25 by adding Subdivisions (4-a) and (4-b) and amending Subdivision (5)  
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (4-a) "Motor fuel manipulation device" means a  
1-28 mechanism manufactured, assembled, or adapted to manipulate or  
1-29 alter a motor fuel metering device or a motor fuel unattended  
1-30 payment terminal for an unlawful purpose.

1-31 (4-b) "Motor fuel theft" means an act that:

1-32 (A) constitutes an offense under Section 31.03,  
1-33 Penal Code; and

1-34 (B) qualifies for an affirmative finding of motor  
1-35 fuel theft under Article 42.019, Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-36 (5) "Skimmer" means an electronic, mechanical, or  
1-37 other device that may be used to unlawfully intercept electronic  
1-38 communications or data to perpetrate card fraud. The term includes  
1-39 a credit card shimmer.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 2312.052, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-41 to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 2312.052. PURPOSES OF CENTER. The purposes of the  
1-43 center are to:

1-44 (1) serve as the state's primary entity for the  
1-45 planning, coordination, and integration of law enforcement  
1-46 agencies and other governmental agencies that respond to criminal  
1-47 activity related to card fraud, including through the use of  
1-48 skimmers, and motor fuel theft; and

1-49 (2) maximize the ability of the department, law  
1-50 enforcement agencies, and other governmental agencies to detect,  
1-51 prevent, and respond to criminal activities related to card fraud  
1-52 and motor fuel theft.

1-53 SECTION 3. Section 2312.054, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-54 by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
1-55 read as follows:

1-56 (b) The center shall assist law enforcement agencies, other  
1-57 governmental agencies, financial institutions, credit card  
1-58 issuers, debit card issuers, payment card networks, institutions of  
1-59 higher education, and merchants in their efforts to develop and  
1-60 implement strategies to:

1-61 (1) detect skimmers and motor fuel manipulation

2-1 devices;

2-2 (2) ensure an effective response if a skimmer or motor  
2-3 fuel manipulation device is found; and

2-4 (3) prevent card fraud and motor fuel theft.

2-5 (b-1) On request of a law enforcement or other governmental  
2-6 agency, the center may provide assistance to that agency regarding  
2-7 any matter within the center's expertise.

2-8 (c) The center may:

2-9 (1) serve as a centralized collection point for  
2-10 information related to card fraud and motor fuel theft;

2-11 (2) provide training and educational opportunities to  
2-12 law enforcement;

2-13 (3) provide outreach to the public; and

2-14 (4) release information to affected financial  
2-15 institutions, credit card issuers, debit card issuers, payment card  
2-16 networks, institutions of higher education, and merchants if the  
2-17 center does not consider the information to be sensitive to law  
2-18 enforcement.

2-19 SECTION 4. Section 2312.055(b), Occupations Code, is  
2-20 amended to read as follows:

2-21 (b) The report must include:

2-22 (1) a plan of operation for the center and an estimate  
2-23 of the amount of money necessary to implement that plan;

2-24 (2) an assessment of the current state of card fraud  
2-25 and motor fuel theft in this state, including:

2-26 (A) an identification of the geographic  
2-27 locations in this state that have the highest statistical  
2-28 probability for card fraud and motor fuel theft; and

2-29 (B) a summary of card fraud and motor fuel theft  
2-30 statistics for the year in which the report is filed;

2-31 (3) a detailed plan of operation for combatting card  
2-32 fraud and motor fuel theft;

2-33 (4) a communications plan for outreach to law  
2-34 enforcement agencies, financial institutions, credit card issuers,  
2-35 debit card issuers, payment card networks, merchants, and the  
2-36 public; and

2-37 (5) a list of expenditures made since the most recent  
2-38 report was filed with the department.

2-39 SECTION 5. Section 2312.102(b), Occupations Code, is  
2-40 amended to read as follows:

2-41 (b) A grant recipient may use grant money to:

2-42 (1) reduce card fraud by removing skimmers;

2-43 (2) purchase or upgrade fraud deterrence equipment,  
2-44 including unique locking systems, cameras, and lights;

2-45 (3) provide training opportunities regarding  
2-46 skimmers; and

2-47 (4) conduct public outreach regarding card fraud and  
2-48 motor fuel theft.

2-49 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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