

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Nueces) H.B. No. 1240
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Economic
1-4 Development; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 1; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to certain governmental operations affecting the border
1-16 region.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Section 2056.002(e)(3), Government Code, is
1-19 amended to read as follows:

1-20 (3) "Texas-Mexico border region" means the area
1-21 consisting of the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bexar,
1-22 Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval,
1-23 Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg,
1-24 Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle,
1-25 Live Oak, Loving, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina,
1-26 Menard, Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Reeves, San
1-27 Patricio, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward,
1-28 Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, and Zavala.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 61.0821(a), Education Code, is amended
1-30 to read as follows:

1-31 (a) In this section, "border region" has the meaning
1-32 assigned to "Texas-Mexico border region" by Section 2056.002,
1-33 Government Code [~~means the area composed of the counties of~~
1-34 ~~Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett,~~
1-35 ~~Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo,~~
1-36 ~~Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble,~~
1-37 ~~Kinney, Kleberg, Live Oak, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Medina,~~
1-38 ~~Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Sutton,~~
1-39 ~~Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala~~].

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 61.506(b), Education Code, is amended to
1-41 read as follows:

1-42 (b) Each of the pilot programs must provide services to an
1-43 economically depressed or rural medically underserved area of the
1-44 state. One pilot program must be located in an urban area, one
1-45 pilot program must be located in a rural area, and the remaining
1-46 pilot program or programs must be located in the Texas-Mexico
1-47 border region as defined by Section 2056.002 [481.001], Government
1-48 Code.

1-49 SECTION 4. Section 772.011(d), Government Code, is amended
1-50 to read as follows:

1-51 (d) In this section, "border region" has the meaning
1-52 assigned to "Texas-Mexico border region" by Section 2056.002 [~~means~~
1-53 ~~the portion of this state located within 100 kilometers of this~~
1-54 ~~state's international border]~~.

1-55 SECTION 5. Section 120.001(1), Health and Safety Code, is
1-56 amended to read as follows:

1-57 (1) "Border region" has the meaning assigned to
1-58 "Texas-Mexico border region" by Section 2056.002, Government Code
1-59 [~~means the area consisting of the counties immediately adjacent to~~
1-60 ~~the international boundary between the United States and Mexico]~~.

1-61 SECTION 6. Section 201.109(b), Transportation Code, is

2-1 amended to read as follows:

2-2 (b) In carrying out this section, the commission shall
2-3 provide for:

2-4 (1) maximizing the generation of revenue from existing
2-5 assets of the department, including real estate;

2-6 (2) increasing the role of the private sector and
2-7 public-private projects in the leasing of real estate and other
2-8 assets in the development of highway projects;

2-9 (3) setting and attempting to meet annual revenue
2-10 enhancement goals;

2-11 (4) reporting on the progress in meeting revenue
2-12 enhancement goals in the department's annual report;

2-13 (5) contracting for an independent audit of the
2-14 department's management and business operations in 2007 and each
2-15 12th year after 2007;

2-16 (6) developing a cost-benefit analysis between the use
2-17 of local materials previously incorporated into roadways versus use
2-18 of materials blended or transported from other sources; and

2-19 (7) increasing private investment in the
2-20 transportation infrastructure, including the acquisition of
2-21 causeways, bridges, tunnels, turnpikes, or other transportation
2-22 facilities, in the Texas-Mexico border region, as defined by
2-23 Section 2056.002, Government Code [~~including the counties of~~
2-24 ~~Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett,~~
2-25 ~~Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Hidalgo,~~
2-26 ~~Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble,~~
2-27 ~~Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina,~~
2-28 ~~Nueces, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, San Patricio, Starr, Sutton,~~
2-29 ~~Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata, and Zavala~~].

2-30 SECTION 7. Section 6.112(a), Water Code, is amended to read
2-31 as follows:

2-32 (a) In this section, "border region" has the meaning
2-33 assigned to "Texas-Mexico border region" by Section 2056.002,
2-34 Government Code [~~means the portion of this state located within 100~~
2-35 ~~kilometers of this state's international border~~].

2-36 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2026.

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