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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1349 By: Hughes

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

1-23 relating to creating the criminal offenses of transnational
1-24 repression and unauthorized enforcement of foreign law and to a
1-25 study and law enforcement training regarding transnational
1-26 repression.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Chapter 76, Penal Code, is amended by adding
1-29 Sections 76.045 and 76.046 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 76.045. TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION. (a) In this
1-31 section:

1-32 (1) "Agent of a foreign government or foreign
1-33 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or
1-34 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or foreign
1-35 terrorist organization.

1-36 (2) "Foreign terrorist organization" has the meaning
1-37 assigned by Section 71.01.

1-38 (3) "Protected conduct" means any speech or expressive
1-39 conduct protected by the First Amendment to the United States
1-40 Constitution or by Section 8, Article I, Texas Constitution.

1-41 (b) A person commits an offense if:

1-42 (1) the person commits or conspires to commit an
1-43 offense under:

1-44 (A) Section 20A.02;

1-45 (B) Section 22.01;

1-46 (C) Section 22.02;

1-47 (D) Section 42.07;

1-48 (E) Section 42.072; or

1-49 (F) Section 43.05;

1-50 (2) the person commits or conspires to commit an
1-51 offense described by Subdivision (1) with the intent to:

1-52 (A) cause another person to act on behalf of a
1-53 foreign government or a foreign terrorist organization;

1-54 (B) cause another person to leave or be confined
1-55 in the United States;

1-56 (C) discourage another person from engaging in
1-57 protected conduct; or

1-58 (D) retaliate against another person for
1-59 engaging in protected conduct; and

1-60 (3) the person commits or conspires to commit that
1-61 offense as an agent of a foreign government or foreign terrorist

organization.

(c) An offense under this section is one category higher than the most serious offense listed in Subsection (b)(1) that was committed or conspired to be committed, except that if the most serious offense is a felony of the first degree, the offense under this section is a felony of the first degree with a minimum term of confinement of 15 years.

Sec. 76.046. UNAUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN LAW. (a) In this section, "agent of a foreign government or foreign terrorist organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 76.045.

(b) A person commits an offense if, as an agent of a foreign government or foreign terrorist organization, the person, without the approval of this state or the United States:

(1) prevents another person in this state from violating the laws of a foreign government; or

(2) detects, investigates, monitors, or surveilles another person in this state for the purpose of preventing the other person from violating the laws of a foreign government.

(c) An offense under this section is a felony of the second degree.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.02098 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.02098. TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Agent of a foreign government or foreign terrorist organization" and "agent" mean a person acting on behalf of or otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or foreign terrorist organization.

(2) "Foreign terrorist organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 71.01, Penal Code.

(3) "Peace officer" means an individual described by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(4) "Transnational repression" means conduct described by Section 76.045(b), Penal Code.

(b) The department shall develop a training program for peace officers regarding transnational repression. The training program must:

(1) prepare peace officers to:

- (A) identify transnational repression;
- (B) develop practices for preventing, reporting, and responding to transnational repression; and
- (C) recognize communities targeted by transnational repression and misinformation that may be perpetuated by an agent of a foreign government or foreign terrorist organization; and

(2) include information about foreign governments and foreign terrorist organizations that are frequently involved in transnational repression and the methods those governments and organizations use.

(c) The department shall regularly update the training under Subsection (b) to address emerging threats and new transnational repression methods used by agents of a foreign government or foreign terrorist organization.

SECTION 3. (a) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, in collaboration with the office of the governor, shall conduct a study on the threat of transnational repression, as that conduct is described by Section 76.045(b), Penal Code, as added by this Act. Not later than March 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety shall prepare and submit to each member of the legislature a report on the conclusions of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action to reduce the threat of transnational repression.

(b) This section expires April 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. Not later than April 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety shall develop the training required by Section 411.02098, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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