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H.B. No. 101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the state guard professionalization task force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

Sec. 437.311. STATE GUARD PROFESSIONALIZATION TASK FORCE.

(a) The State Guard Professionalization Task Force is a temporary task force created to advise the adjutant general on the professionalization of the Texas State Guard under the Texas Military Department.

(b) The task force is composed of:

(1) the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee;

(2) the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety or the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety's designee;

(3) the director of the Texas Division of Emergency Management or the director of the Texas Division of Emergency Management's designee;

(4) the director of the Texas Department of Transportation or the director of the Texas Department of Transportation's designee;

(5) the director of the Texas A&M Forrest Service or the director of the Texas A&M Forrest Service's designee; and

(6) any other directors or director's designees of any

other state agencies as determined by the adjutant general or the adjutant general's designee.

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

(d) The task force shall meet as often as necessary to perform the task force's duties. Meetings may be held at any time at the request of the chair.

(e) The task force shall:

(1) use statistical analyses, data received from focus groups on operations conducted by Texas State Guard, and other research methods to conduct an examination of state missions and operations of the State Guard in this state that includes:

(A) an identification of critical state missions and operations needs; and

(B) a determination of the state's long-range state missions and operations needs;

(2) identify and anticipate challenges and threats to the state's operations, including but not limited to critical infrastructure;

(3) develop solutions to overcome the challenges and threats described by Subdivision (2);

(4) develop a strategy to professionalize and develop capabilities of the Texas State Guard that is consistent with the findings and determinations made under this subsection;

(5) recommend to the adjutant general and the governor:

(A) strategies to solve the challenges identified

1 under Subdivision (1) (A);

2 (B) policy priorities to address the long-range
3 needs determined under Subdivision (1) (B);

4 (C) policy priorities and budgetary needs to
5 implement the strategies and solutions determined under
6 Subdivision (3); and

7 (6) advise the adjutant general and the governor
8 regarding the staffing, facilities, equipment, and technology
9 needed to implement the strategy determined under Subdivision (4).

10 (f) Not later than August 31, 2026, the task force shall
11 submit to adjutant general and the governor a report that contains
12 the recommendations described by Subsection (e) (6).

13 (g) This section expires September 1, 2026.

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