

AN ACT

relating to a feasibility report on the creation of a border agricultural inspection training program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.049 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.049. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON BORDER

AGRICULTURAL

INSPECTION TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) The department shall

consider the

feasibility of creating and administering a program to:

(1) train department employees to meet federal standards for agricultural inspectors performing inspections, other than inspections of animals as defined by Section 161.001, at

ports of entry along the border with the United Mexican States; and

(2) allow department employees trained as provided by

Subdivision (1) to assist the United States Customs and Border

Protection and the United States Department of Agriculture with

agricultural inspections, other than inspections of animals as

defined by Section 161.001, at ports of entry along the border with

the United Mexican States with the goal of reducing the wait time

for an agricultural inspection of a vehicle.

(b) The department shall determine whether any agreements

with the federal government are required to implement a program

described by Subsection (a) and the nature of those agreements.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2014, the department shall

submit a report to the committees of each house of the legislature

with primary jurisdiction over agriculture concerning the feasibility of a program described by Subsection (a) and the

nature

of any agreements with the federal government required to implement

the program.

(d) This section expires August 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If
this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect,
this
Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3761 was passed by the House
on May 2,
2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 2, 2 present,
not
voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3761 was passed by the Senate
on May
22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor