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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 1 (house committee report) in Article X of the
2 bill, following the appropriations to the State Auditor 's Office
3 (page X-6), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

4 _____. Audit of State Border Security Programs. (a) From funds
5 appropriated to the State Auditor's Office, in accordance with
6 Chapter 321, Texas Government Code, the State Auditor's Office
7 shall conduct a comprehensive forensic and performance audit of
8 all institutional functions, programs, and operations relating to
9 the execution of State Border Security Programs under the
10 jurisdiction of the:

11 (1) Texas Department of Public Safety;
12 (2) Texas Military Department;
13 (3) Texas Division of Emergency Management;
14 (4) Parks and Wildlife Department;
15 (5) Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and
16 (6) Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial
17 System.

18 (b) The state auditor may select other relevant state agencies
19 or programs in addition to those listed for inclusion in the audit.
20 The audit shall identify all unallowable expenses, including
21 payments, administrative compensation, salary transactions and
22 contracted services, and shall assess the efficiency and
23 effectiveness of state border security operations.

24 (c) The audit shall include a detailed review of all
25 contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, and procurement

1 processes performed under the authority of the Governor's state of
2 disaster declarations, including but not limited to no-bid
3 contracts, emergency purchase orders, and sole-source
4 procurements.

5 (d) The audit shall evaluate:

6 (1) the justification for the suspension of standard
7 procurement requirements;

8 (2) whether adequate cost-benefit analysis and vendor
9 vetting occurred;

10 (3) patterns of favoritism or political patronage,
11 including contracts awarded to entities with significant campaign
12 contributions;

13 (4) compliance with existing state laws related to
14 transparency and competitive procurement where applicable, and;

15 (5) the degree to which contract expenditures
16 contributed to measurable program outcomes or were indicative of
17 waste, fraud, or abuse.

18 (e) The State Auditor's Office shall make public all records
19 reviewed during the audit to the extent permitted by law, and all
20 findings related to procurement practices shall be included in the
21 final audit report. The SAO shall provide the audit report,
22 including all related findings, by September 1, 2026. The report
23 should be provided to the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant
24 Governor, the House and Senate Committees with jurisdiction over
25 state border security programming, and the House Delivery of
26 Government Efficiency Committee.