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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO._____ By: González of Dallas

- 1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee printing), in Article V
- 2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Department of
- 3 Public Safety (page V-53), by adding the following appropriately
- 4 numbered rider:
- 5 ___. Study on Child Abuse Committed by Religious Leaders. (a)
- 6 Using funds appropriated above for the Department of Public Safety,
- 7 the department shall conduct a study on religious leaders who abuse
- 8 children in this state.
- 9 (b) In conducting the study under this rider, the Department
- 10 of Public Safety shall:
- 11 (1) compile a list of individuals who:
- 12 (A) filed with the comptroller an application for
- 13 tax exemption for a religious organization or any other document
- 14 supporting the exemption claim; or
- 15 (B) are otherwise listed in the application or
- 16 other document as a leader or organizer of the religious
- 17 organization;
- 18 (2) cross-reference the list of individuals described
- 19 by Subdivision (1) with local, state, and federal law enforcement
- 20 agencies to identify leaders or organizers of religious
- 21 organizations who have been accused, investigated, charged, or
- 22 convicted of any offense involving the abuse of a child; and
- 23 (3) provide legislative recommendations on how to end
- 24 child abuse in religious organizations in this state.
- 25 (c) The Department of Public Safety may request assistance
- 26 from the Commission on Law Enforcement in conducting the study
- 27 under this rider.
- 28 (d) Not later than September 1, 2026, the Department of
- 29 Public Safety shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant

- 1 governor, and the members of the legislature the findings of the
- 2 study conducted under this rider.