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H. R. 6368

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Mr. CANSECO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Border Security Infor-
3 mation Improvement Act of 2012”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

5 (a) **REPORT ON CROSS-BORDER VIOLENCE ON THE**
6 **SOUTHWEST BORDER.**—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General,
8 in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security,
9 shall submit to the congressional committees set forth in
10 subsection (b) a report on cross-border violence on the
11 Southwest Border of the United States. Such study shall
12 include—

13 (1) the definition of cross-border violence used
14 by law enforcement components within the Depart-
15 ments of Justice and Homeland Security;

16 (2) the ability of the Departments of Justice
17 and Homeland Security and their law enforcement
18 components to track, investigate, quantify, and re-
19 port on the level of cross-border violence occurring
20 along the Southwest Border of the United States;

21 (3) the extent to which the Departments of
22 Justice and Homeland Security define and track
23 cross-border violence and steps being taken to ad-
24 dress the effects of cross-border violence along the
25 Southwest Border of the United States;

1 (4) the information and data on cross-border vi-
2 olence collected and made available through inter-
3 agency taskforces on the Southwest Border of the
4 United States, including the Southwest Border High
5 Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Arizona’s Alliance
6 to Combat Transnational Threats, the El Paso Intel-
7 ligence Center, the Border Enforcement and Secu-
8 rity Task Force, and State and Local Fusion Cen-
9 ters; and

10 (5) the additional resources needed to track, in-
11 vestigate, quantify and report on the level of cross-
12 border violence occurring along the United States-
13 Mexico border.

14 (b) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The congres-
15 sional committees set forth in this subsection are—

16 (1) the Committee on Homeland Security and
17 Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

18 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
19 ate;

20 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
21 House of Representatives; and

22 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
23 House of Representatives.

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