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2^D SESSION

H. R. 6368

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AN ACT

To require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a joint report to Congress on the Departments' ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Security Infor-

5 mation Improvement Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY.**

7 (a) REPORT ON CROSS-BORDER VIOLENCE ON THE

8 SOUTHWEST BORDER.—Not later than 180 days after the

9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General

10 and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall jointly sub-

11 mit to the congressional committees set forth in subsection

12 (b) a report on cross-border violence on the Southwest

13 Border of the United States. Such study shall include—

14 (1) the definition of cross-border violence used

15 by law enforcement components within the Depart-

16 ments of Justice and Homeland Security;

17 (2) the ability of the Departments of Justice

18 and Homeland Security and their law enforcement

19 components to track, investigate, quantify, and re-

20 port on the level of cross-border violence occurring

21 along the Southwest Border of the United States;

22 (3) the extent to which the Departments of

23 Justice and Homeland Security define and track

24 cross-border violence and steps being taken to ad-

1 dress the effects of cross-border violence along the
2 Southwest Border of the United States;

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

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

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

18 (1) the Committee on Homeland Security and
19 Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

20 (2) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
21 ate;

22 (3) the Committee on Homeland Security of the
23 House of Representatives; and

1 (4) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 19,
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.