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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a report by the comptroller on wage theft.

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

4 SECTION 1. REPORT ON WAGE THEFT. (a) The comptroller of
5 public accounts, in cooperation with the Texas Workforce
6 Commission, shall prepare a report on wage theft by employers in
7 this state.

8 (b) The report must include:

9 (1) information regarding the demographic groups and
10 industries most affected by wage theft;

11 (2) an analysis of the economic impact of wage theft on
12 employees and its effect on competition within an industry; and

13 (3) an analysis, prepared by the Texas Workforce
14 Commission, of:

15 (A) remedies available to victims of wage theft
16 under state and federal law;

17 (B) procedural difficulties in pursuing a remedy
18 under state or federal law; and

19 (C) recommendations for legislation to address
20 the difficulties described by Paragraph (B).

21 (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the comptroller shall
22 provide a copy of the report to:

23 (1) the governor;

24 (2) the lieutenant governor;

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1 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and
2 (4) each standing committee of the senate and house of
3 representatives having primary jurisdiction over matters relating
4 to labor and employment.

5 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires June 1, 2017.

6 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
7 1, 2015.