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GUILLEN EAGER TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY

Sunset Advisory Commission's Report Reviews Department Of Public Safety

AUSTIN - The Sunset Advisory Commission released the annual staff reports for several Texas agencies, including the Department of Public Safety. Representative Ryan Guillen (D - Rural South Texas) applauds the report's release and is excited to debate the suggested changes in the next legislative session.

"Safe roads, secure communities, and border security are critical issues that DPS oversees, said Guillen. "Reviewing these reports allows legislators to start considering possible legislation for the next session. This helps us improve state agencies for citizens"

State agencies in Texas usually have a built-in expiration date called a "sunset date." The Sunset Commission is tasked with periodically reviewing these agencies as they near their sunset date in order to recommend changes to the operation of the agency to increase its effectiveness or to recommend the agency be closed for good. Sunset Commission staff reports are reviewed by the Sunset Commission board, made up of members of the House and Senate, who then file legislation addressing some or all of the recommended changes.

"I am excited to continue working to improve DPS and public safety in Texas. The Sunset Advisory Commission and their staff reports play a crucial role in accomplishing this goal," said Guillen. "These reports help us see if the agencies serve a continued purpose to the well-being of Texans and if there are problems we need to address."

The report finds that DPS, overall, should be continued, but it also found that there are several issues that should be dealt with to increase the effectiveness of the department. Guillen looks forward to debating improvements to DPS in the next legislative session.

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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