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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

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## 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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