

Interim Hearings – Week of October 7, 2019

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- [House Committee on Redistricting \(Fort Worth\)](#)
- [House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety \(Farmers Branch\)](#)
- [House Committee on Redistricting \(Dallas\)](#)

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House Committee on [Redistricting](#) (Fort Worth)

Topic: 2021 legislative redistricting process and 2020 Census data

- [Texas Redistricting](#), Texas Legislative Council

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House Select Committee on [Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety](#) (Farmers Branch)

- [Texas Safety Action Report](#), Governor Greg Abbott, September 12, 2019
- [Executive Order GA-07, Relating to the Prevention of Mass Attacks](#), Governor Greg Abbott, September 5, 2019

Duties:

(1) Examine options for strengthening enforcement measures for current laws that prevent the transfer of firearms to felons and other persons prohibited by current law from possessing firearms

- ["US Mass Shooters Exploited Gaps, Errors in Background Checks," Associated Press](#), September 7, 2019
- ["The Impact of State Firearm Laws on Homicide and Suicide Deaths in the USA, 1991–2016: A Panel Study," Journal of General Internal Medicine](#), March 28, 2019
- [The Effects of Background Checks, Gun Policy in America](#), RAND Corporation,

March 2, 2018

- *Background Checks For Firearm Transfers, 2015 – Statistical Tables*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, November 30, 2017
- "Firearm Acquisition Without Background Checks: Results of a National Survey," *Annals of Internal Medicine*, Volume 166, Number 4, February 21, 2017

(2) Examine impediments and challenges to the timely reporting of relevant criminal history information and other threat indicators to state and federal databases

- *Report of Investigation into the United States Air Force's Failure to Submit Devin Kelley's Criminal History Information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation*, U.S. Department of Defense, Inspector General, December 6, 2018
- Letter to state criminal justice agencies and associations regarding state and local reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, Governor Greg Abbott, April 11, 2018, including *Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, 2016*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, January 2018

(3) Examine the role of digital media and technology in threat detection, assessment, reporting, and prevention, including the collaboration between digital media and law enforcement

- "Anti-Social Media and Violence," *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, Volume 40, Issue 6, June 10, 2019
- "Mass Shootings and Media Contagion Theory: Social Media's Influence on Frequency of Incidents," *Elon Journal of Undergraduate Research in Communications*, Volume 9, Number 2, Fall 2018
- "Mass Shootings and the Media Contagion Effect," presented at the American Psychological Association, August 4, 2016
- *Developing a Policy on the Use of Social Media in Intelligence and Investigative Activities: Guidance and Recommendations*, Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice, February 2013

(4) Evaluate the ongoing and long-term workforce needs of the state related to cybersecurity, mental health, law enforcement, and related professionals

- *The Workforce Crisis, and What Police Agencies are Doing About It*, Police Executive Research Forum, September 2019
- "Texas Cybersecurity: Protecting Data Systems" (Labor shortage), *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, March 2019
- *Principles for Growing and Sustaining the Nation's Cybersecurity Workforce*, The Aspen Institute, November 2018
- *State-Level Projections of Supply and Demand for Behavioral Health Occupations: 2016-2030* (Additional workforce projections and reports), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 2018
- *National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework*, U.S. Department of Commerce, August 2017

- *Cybersecurity: Statewide Overview* (Industry employment), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

(5) Evaluate current protocols and extreme risk indicators used to identify potential threats and consider options for improving the dissemination of information between federal, state, and local entities and timely and appropriate intervention of mental health professionals

- *Strategic Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States*, Office of the President of the United States, October 2016
- *Cybersecurity: Utilizing Fusion Centers to Protect State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Entities Against Cyber Threats* (Thesis), Naval Postgraduate School (Monterey, CA), September 2016
- *2014-2017 National Strategy for the National Network of Fusion Centers*, National Fusion Center Association, July 2014
- *Relationships Between Fusion Centers and Emergency Operations Centers*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General, December 2011
- *Fusion Centers and Intelligence Sharing* (Justice Information Sharing), U.S. Department of Justice

House Committee on *Redistricting* (Dallas)

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- *Texas Redistricting*, Texas Legislative Council