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Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg today announced that the House General Investigating and Ethics Committee was briefed today on the results of the Texas Ranger investigation into allegations related to State Representative Jonathan Stickland. The Department of Public Safety, after consulting with attorneys from the Travis County District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit, concluded that no prosecutable offense was committed. The Public Integrity Unit attorneys who reviewed the report and investigative materials agreed with that conclusion.

Despite evidence that Stickland's staff had filled out witness affirmation forms for numerous witnesses that had no intention of testifying in favor of Stickland's bill and were not present at the Capitol, Public Integrity Unit attorneys determined that the House Rules related to the physical presence of a witness were not specific enough to allow the witness affirmation forms to serve as the basis of a criminal prosecution. Attorneys from the Public Integrity Unit have offered to assist with revisions to the affirmation forms and the language of the House Rules to prevent this conduct from occurring in the future.

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