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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1        AN ACT

2    relating to an interstate compact on border security and

3    immigration enforcement.

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

5        SECTION 1.  Title 7, Government Code, is amended by adding

6    Chapter 793 to read as follows:

7        Sec. 793.001.  EXECUTION OF COMPACT.  (a)  The Governor of

8    Texas is directed to coordinate and develop an Interstate Compact

9    for Border Security among interested states, and to seek the

10   consent of Congress for the Compact.  The purpose of the Compact

11   will be for compacting states to engage in joint action on matters

12   including, but not limited to:

13            i)  the   detection,   apprehension,   detention,

14   prosecution,   release,   and   monitoring   of   illegal   aliens,

15   international   criminals,   human   traffickers,   smugglers,   and

16   transnational criminal organizations;

17            ii)  the  coordination  of  federal,  state,  and  local

18   immigration enforcement operations;

19            iii)  the  construction,  funding,  and  maintenance  of

20   physical barriers, including walls and fencing, to hinder illegal

21   immigration,   international   criminals,   human   trafficking,

22   smuggling, and transnational criminal organizations; and

23            iv)  the eligibility of illegal aliens to receive state

24   benefits.

1     (b)  In support of this Interstate Compact, the Legislative

2  Budget Board shall conduct a comprehensive review of state benefits

3  provided to illegal aliens, which shall include a list of all state

4  benefits provided to illegal aliens and their fiscal impact to

5  taxpayers, and provide the report no later than 30 days after the

6  report is completed to the Governor and members of the Texas

7  Legislature.

8     SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

9  a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

10  provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  If this

11  Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

12  Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the

13  legislative session.