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H.B. No. 4165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a prohibition against the appropriation of money to  
3 settle or pay a sexual harassment claim made against certain  
4 members of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state  
5 government.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 5, Government Code, is amended  
8 by adding Chapter 576 to read as follows:

9 CHAPTER 576. PROHIBITION ON APPROPRIATION OF MONEY TO SETTLE OR PAY

10 SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS

11 Sec. 576.0001. PROHIBITION ON APPROPRIATION OF MONEY TO  
12 SETTLE OR PAY SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS. The legislature may not  
13 appropriate money and a state agency may not use appropriated money  
14 to settle or otherwise pay a sexual harassment claim made against an  
15 elected member of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of  
16 state government or a person appointed by the governor to serve as a  
17 member of a department, commission, board, or other public office  
18 within the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state  
19 government.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.