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H.B. No. 2241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the authority of a political subdivision to use public  
3 money to provide legal services for individuals unlawfully present  
4 in the United States.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 140.014 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 140.014. PROHIBITION ON USE OF PUBLIC MONEY TO PROVIDE  
9 LEGAL SERVICES FOR UNLAWFULLY PRESENT INDIVIDUALS. Unless required  
10 by the United States Constitution, a political subdivision may not:

11 (1) use public money to provide legal services for an  
12 individual who is unlawfully present in the United States according  
13 to the terms of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
14 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.); or

15 (2) provide public money to a person to be used to  
16 directly or indirectly provide legal services for an individual  
17 described by Subdivision (1).

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.