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H.B. No. 59

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting by state agencies on the financial effect of providing services to illegal immigrants.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 2052, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2052.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 2052.004. LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST SUPPORTING SCHEDULE ON FINANCIAL EFFECT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

(a) In this section, "state agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 2103.001.

(b) Each state agency must include with the agency's legislative appropriations request a supporting schedule that provides an accounting of amounts spent by the agency during the state fiscal biennium preceding the biennium for which the legislative appropriations request is made to directly or indirectly provide services to persons who were not lawfully present in the United States, subject to Subsection (e).

(c) A state agency that distributes money to a local governmental entity, including a school district, must include in the agency's accounting required by Subsection (b) the amounts distributed to a local governmental entity that the entity spent during the period described by Subsection (b) to provide services to persons who were not lawfully present in the United States, subject to Subsection (e).

1       (d) A state agency, through the agency's governing body or  
2 chief administrative officer, as appropriate, may adopt rules  
3 requiring local governmental entities to which the agency  
4 distributes money to provide sufficiently detailed information to  
5 the agency to the extent practicable that will enable the agency to  
6 comply with the requirements of Subsection (c).

7       (e) A state agency that does not have available data  
8 sufficient to provide the accounting required by Subsection (b),  
9 or, if applicable, to include the additional amounts required by  
10 Subsection (c), shall base the accounting and included additional  
11 amounts on the agency's best estimates of the relevant data. In  
12 making those estimates, the agency may use data collected or  
13 statistics made available to the agency by sources outside the  
14 agency, including community organizations.

15       (f) The Legislative Budget Board shall:

16               (1) compile information reported by state agencies as  
17 required by Subsection (b) into a single report;

18               (2) include in the report a summary of the financial  
19 effect of state agencies' direct and indirect provision of services  
20 to persons who were not lawfully present in the United States; and

21               (3) not later than December 1 of each even-numbered  
22 year, submit the report to the presiding officer of each standing  
23 committee of the senate and house of representatives having primary  
24 jurisdiction over matters relating to state finance and  
25 appropriations from the state treasury.

26       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
27 last day of the legislative session.