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H.B. No. 119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to citizenship information reported by persons who receive local or state money to provide services to individuals in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2113, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION

Sec. 2113.351. CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION. A person, including a state agency, political subdivision of this state, nonprofit organization, or public or private entity, who receives any appropriated money from the state to provide a health care, educational, welfare, correctional, or other service to an individual in this state shall:

(1) identify the individual's country of citizenship before providing the service to the individual;

(2) determine the cost to this state of providing the service to the individual if the individual is a citizen of a foreign country; and

(3) submit to the comptroller in the format and within the time required by comptroller rule the information required under Subdivisions (1) and (2) and any other information required by comptroller rule.

Sec. 2113.352. REPORT AND REIMBURSEMENT. From the

information collected under Section 2113.351 and under Section 140.008, Local Government Code, the comptroller at least annually shall:

(1) compile a report that lists by country the total amount of money spent by this state and any political subdivision of this state to provide services to the citizens of each foreign country and includes details, by category of service and political subdivision, on the services provided;

(2) submit a copy of the report compiled under Subdivision (1) to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives; and

(3) submit to each foreign country identified in the report compiled under Subdivision (1) a request for reimbursement of the total costs to this state and political subdivisions of this state of providing the services to its citizens.

Sec. 2113.353. LIMITATION ON DISBURSEMENT. Notwithstanding any other law, the comptroller may not disburse any money to a person, including a state agency, political subdivision of this state, nonprofit organization, or public or private entity, who is subject to Section 2113.351 and who fails to comply with the requirements of this subchapter and comptroller rules.

Sec. 2113.354. RULES. The comptroller by rule shall:

(1) prescribe the format and time for submitting the information required under Section 2113.351; and

(2) adopt any other rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Chapter 140, Local Government Code, is amended

by adding Section 140.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 140.008. CITIZENSHIP INFORMATION. (a) A person, including a political subdivision of this state, nonprofit organization, or public or private entity, who receives local or state money to provide a health care, educational, welfare, correctional, or other service to an individual in a political subdivision of this state shall:

(1) identify the individual's country of citizenship before providing the service to the individual;

(2) determine the cost to this state and the political subdivision of providing the service to the individual if the individual is a citizen of a foreign country; and

(3) submit to the political subdivision and to the comptroller in the format and within the time required by comptroller rule the information required under Subdivisions (1) and (2) and any other information required by comptroller rule.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, the comptroller or political subdivision may not disburse any money to a person, including a political subdivision of this state, nonprofit organization, or public or private entity, who fails to comply with the requirements of this section and comptroller rules.

(c) The comptroller by rule shall:

(1) prescribe the format and time for submitting the information required under this section; and

(2) adopt any other rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than December 1, 2013, the

1 comptroller of public accounts shall:

2 (1) prescribe the format and time for submitting:

3 (A) the information required under Section
4 2113.351, Government Code, as added by this Act; and

5 (B) the information required under Section
6 140.008, Local Government Code, as added by this Act; and

7 (2) adopt rules necessary to implement:

8 (A) Subchapter F, Chapter 2113, Government Code,
9 as added by this Act; and

10 (B) Section 140.008, Local Government Code, as
11 added by this Act.

12 (b) Notwithstanding Subchapter F, Chapter 2113, Government
13 Code, as added by this Act, or Section 140.008, Local Government
14 Code, as added by this Act, a person, including a state agency,
15 political subdivision of this state, nonprofit organization, or
16 public or private entity, is not required to comply with Subchapter
17 F or Section 140.008 or rules adopted under Subchapter F or Section
18 140.008 until January 1, 2014.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.