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S.B. No. 764

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to accounting for costs incurred by this state as a result of the presence of persons who are not lawfully present in the United States.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.0112 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.0112. ACCOUNTING FOR COSTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

(a) Not later than the 30th day before the first day of each regular legislative session, the comptroller shall issue to the speaker of the house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, the governor, and the attorney general an estimation of the financial costs to this state incurred during the preceding two-year period that resulted from the presence in this state of persons who are not lawfully present in the United States.

(b) The estimation must include a separate accounting for the estimated costs to the state incurred in specific categories of state spending as determined by the comptroller. The categories must include costs of education of, health care for, and incarceration of persons described by Subsection (a) and costs of border security and law enforcement attributable to those persons.

SECTION 2. This state recognizes that it is the responsibility of the federal government to maintain the security of the national border to prevent unlawful entry of persons and

1 finds that the federal government should reimburse this state for  
2 this state's expenditures that are made necessary for the same  
3 purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.