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S.B. No. 764

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to accounting for costs incurred by this state as a result
3 of the presence of persons who are not lawfully present in the
4 United States.

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

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

8 Sec. 403.0112. ACCOUNTING FOR COSTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This state recognizes that it is the
23 responsibility of the federal government to maintain the security
24 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.