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S.B. No. 767

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by  
7 adding Section 493.0152 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 493.0152. ACCOUNTING FOR COSTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

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

16 (b) The report must include a separate accounting for the  
17 costs to the department incurred in specific categories of spending  
18 as determined by the department.

19 (c) On request of the department, the comptroller shall  
20 assist the department in preparing the report.

21 SECTION 2. This state recognizes that it is the  
22 responsibility of the federal government to maintain the security  
23 of the national border to prevent unlawful entry of persons and  
24 finds that the federal government should reimburse this state for

1 expenditures by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice made  
2 necessary by the presence of persons in this state who are not  
3 lawfully present in the United States.

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