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S.B. No. 986

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program to support the enforcement of immigration law by a municipality or county.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 772.0073 to read as follows:

Sec. 772.0073. ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAW GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

(1) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006.

(2) "Immigration detainer request" means a federal government request to a local entity to maintain temporary custody of an alien. The term includes verbal and written requests, including a United States Department of Homeland Security Form I-247 document or a similar or successor form.

(3) "Immigration laws" means the laws of this state or federal law relating to aliens, immigrants, or immigration, including the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.).

(4) "Local entity" means a municipality or county.

(b) The criminal justice division shall establish and administer a competitive grant program to provide financial assistance to a local entity to offset costs related to:

(1) enforcing immigration laws; or

1 (2) complying with, honoring, or fulfilling any
2 immigration detainer request.

3 (c) The criminal justice division shall establish:

4 (1) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;

5 (2) grant application procedures;

6 (3) criteria for evaluating grant applications and
7 awarding grants;

8 (4) guidelines related to grant amounts; and

9 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant
10 awarded under this section and ensuring compliance with any
11 conditions of the grant.

12 (d) The criminal justice division may use any revenue
13 available for purposes of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.