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By:  González of El Paso H.B. No. 445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exceptions from the requirement for a person under the direction or control of a local entity or campus police department to assist or cooperate with federal immigration officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 752.053(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(3), a local entity or campus police department may prohibit persons who are employed by or otherwise under the direction or control of the entity or department from assisting or cooperating with a federal immigration officer if the assistance or cooperation occurs:

(1)  at a place of worship;

(2)  on the property of a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school;

(3)  at an institution of higher education; or

(4)  at a hospital, emergency clinic, outpatient clinic, birthing center, ambulatory surgical center, or other facility providing health care services.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.