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H.B. No. 4024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition on certain contracts with certain agents of foreign entities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.019, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22.019. CONTRACTS. Except as provided by Section 22.0191, a [A] local government may enter into a contract necessary to the execution of a power granted the local government and for a purpose provided by this chapter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 22, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 22.0191 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.0191. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS. (a) A local government or a person operating an airport on behalf of the local government may not enter into a contract with an entity described by Subsection (b) for the acquisition, construction, improvement, or renovation of airport infrastructure or equipment, including a terminal, security system, or passenger boarding bridge, used at the airport or an associated air navigation facility.

(b) This section applies to:

(1) an entity that:

(A) has been determined by a federal court to have misappropriated intellectual property or trade secrets from an

1 entity organized under local, state, or federal laws; or

2 (B) is owned in whole or in part by, or is  
3 controlled by, or receives subsidies from the government of a  
4 country that:

5 (i) is identified in the most recent report  
6 required by Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2242) as  
7 a priority foreign country; or

8 (ii) is subject to monitoring by the United  
9 States trade representative under Section 306 of the Trade Act of  
10 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2416); and

11 (2) an entity that owns or controls, or is owned or  
12 controlled by, or is under common ownership with, or is a successor  
13 to an entity described by Subdivision (1).

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