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H.B. No. 4623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a prohibition against the creation of a fund and the use
3 of state money by a state elected official or a state elected
4 official's staff to settle or pay a sexual harassment claim made
5 against a state elected official or the state elected official's
6 staff.

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

8 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Government Code, is amended
9 by adding Chapter 307 to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 307. PROHIBITION ON FUND CREATION AND USE OF STATE MONEY BY
11 ELECTED OFFICIAL OR ELECTED OFFICIAL'S STAFF TO SETTLE OR PAY
12 SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS

13 Sec. 307.001. PROHIBITION ON FUND CREATION AND USE OF STATE
14 MONEY BY STATE ELECTED OFFICIAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICIAL'S STAFF
15 TO SETTLE OR PAY SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS. The legislature may not
16 create a fund or permit the use of state money by a state elected
17 official or the state elected official's staff to settle or
18 otherwise pay a sexual harassment claim made against a state
19 elected official or a member of the state elected official's staff.
20 A state elected official or a state elected official's staff is
21 personally liable for any claim due to their misconduct.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.