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S.B. No. 1254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an interstate compact on border security and immigration enforcement.

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

SECTION 1. Title 7, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 793 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 793. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR BORDER SECURITY

Sec. 793.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "illegal alien" means a person who:

(1) is not a citizen or national of the United States;

and

(2) is unlawfully present in the United States according to the terms of 8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.

Sec. 793.002. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE INTERSTATE COMPACT. On behalf of this state, the governor shall:

(1) coordinate, develop, and execute an interstate compact for border security among interested states; and

(2) seek the approval of the United States Congress for the compact.

Sec. 793.003. INTERSTATE COMPACT PROVISIONS. The compact required by this chapter must provide for joint action among compacting states on matters that include:

(1) the operational control of this state's border with Mexico by the total detection and apprehension or deflection

1 of illegal aliens attempting to cross the border into this state;  
2 and  
3 (2) otherwise enforcing federal immigration laws,  
4 including detecting, apprehending, detaining, prosecuting,  
5 releasing, and monitoring of illegal aliens.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.