AN ACT
relating to an appropriation to provide funding for the
construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier
infrastructure and border security operations, including funding
for additional overtime expenses and costs due to certain increased
law enforcement presence.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION TO TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. (a) The amount of $1,540,000,000 is
appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Trusteed Programs
within the Office of the Governor for use during the two-year period
beginning on the effective date of this Act for the purpose of
providing funding for border security operations, including to
provide grants to local governments and local law enforcement
agencies to alleviate costs associated with an increased demand on
local prosecutorial, judicial, and correctional resources, and the
construction, operation, and maintenance of border barrier
infrastructure.

(b) Of the amount appropriated by Subsection (a) of this
section, the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor
shall transfer $40,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety for
border security operations, including paying for additional
overtime expenses and costs due to an increased law enforcement
presence to preserve public safety and security in the Colony Ridge
development in Liberty County, Texas.

SECTION 2. PROHIBITIONS ON USE OF APPROPRIATED MONEY. The
money appropriated by this Act may not be used to:

(1) acquire property through the exercise of eminent
domain;

(2) build a barrier along this state's international
border with Mexico on property acquired through the exercise of
eminent domain;

(3) acquire property for a barrier that abuts the
boundary between this state and another state; or

(4) build a barrier that abuts the boundary between
this state and another state.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. 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 on the 91st day after the
last day of the legislative session.
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 3 passed the Senate on November 9, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 10; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on December 1, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 18, Nays 9; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of Texas.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 3 passed the House, with amendments, on November 14, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 84, Nays 59, one present not voting; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of Texas.

Approved:

Chief Clerk of the House

I, ______________, Comptroller of Public Accounts, do hereby certify that the amounts appropriated in the herein S.B. No. 3, 88th Legislature, 4th Called Session, are within the amount estimated to be available in the affected fund.

Certified ______________, 2023.

Comptroller of Public Accounts