

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

1 development in Liberty County, Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

13 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
14 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
15 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
16 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
17 immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
18 last day of the legislative session.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

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.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

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