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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a prohibition on receipt of state money by businesses that implement COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 161.0086 to read as follows:

Sec. 161.0086.  PROHIBITED RECEIPT OF STATE MONEY BY CERTAIN BUSINESSES. (a) In this section, "COVID-19" means the 2019 novel coronavirus disease.

(b)  A business in this state that requires the business's customers, employees, vendors, or contractors to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is not eligible to receive state grant money or enter into a contract payable with state money.

SECTION 2.  Section 161.0086, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a state grant awarded to or a contract entered into by a business in this state on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.