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S.B. No. 1403

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an interstate compact for border security, including  
3 building a border wall and sharing state intelligence and  
4 resources.

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

6 SECTION 1. Title 7, Government Code, is amended by adding  
7 Chapter 794 to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 794. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR BORDER SECURITY

9 Sec. 794.001. AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND EXECUTE COMPACT. On  
10 behalf of this state, the governor shall develop and execute an  
11 interstate compact for border security among interested states.

12 Sec. 794.002. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED. (a) It  
13 is the intent of the legislature that the compact developed and  
14 executed under this chapter not require congressional approval.

15 (b) The compact may not increase the political power of the  
16 compacting states in relation to the federal government.

17 Sec. 794.003. INTERSTATE COMPACT PROVISIONS. The compact  
18 authorized by this chapter must provide for joint action among  
19 compacting states on matters that include:

20 (1) sharing law enforcement intelligence on illegal  
21 activity occurring at the border with Mexico;

22 (2) sharing state resources in order to build a border  
23 wall on state land; and

24 (3) sharing other law enforcement resources to ensure

1 the protection of personnel and property.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.