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H.B. No. 1281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction and enforcement of certain policies of certain international organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Title 1, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 3.001. LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. The World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Economic Forum have no jurisdiction in this state.

Sec. 3.002. ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN RULES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PROHIBITED. (a) This section applies to:

(1) this state, including an agency, department, commission, bureau, board, office, council, court, or other entity that is in any branch of state government and that is created by the constitution or a statute of this state, including a university system or a system of higher education;

(2) the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district or authority;

(3) an officer or employee of, or an entity that is part of, a municipality, county, or special district or authority, including a sheriff, municipal police department, municipal attorney, or county attorney; and

1 (4) a district attorney or criminal district attorney.

2 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, a person to which this
3 section applies may not enforce any rule, fee, tax, policy, or
4 mandate of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, or
5 the World Economic Forum.

6 Sec. 3.003. COMPLAINT; ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION. (a) Any
7 person residing in the jurisdiction of an entity described by
8 Section 3.002(a) may file a complaint with the attorney general if
9 the person offers evidence to support an allegation that the entity
10 has violated Section 3.002(b). The person must include with the
11 complaint any evidence the person has in support of the complaint.

12 (b) If the attorney general determines that a complaint
13 filed under Subsection (a) against an entity described by Section
14 3.002(a) is valid, to compel the entity's compliance with Section
15 3.002(b), the attorney general may file a petition for a writ of
16 mandamus or apply for other appropriate equitable relief in a
17 district court in Travis County or in a county in which the
18 principal office of the entity is located. The attorney general may
19 recover reasonable expenses incurred in obtaining relief under this
20 subsection, including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees,
21 investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs.

22 (c) An appeal of a suit brought under Subsection (b) is
23 governed by the procedures for accelerated appeals in civil cases
24 under the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. The appellate court
25 shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible
26 delay.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.