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H.B. No. 2599

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting state agencies from engaging in certain transactions with certain statewide periodicals or Internet news websites.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2278 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2278. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS WITH STATEWIDE PERIODICALS
OR INTERNET NEWS WEBSITES

Sec. 2278.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "state agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 2251.001.

Sec. 2278.002. CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS WITH STATEWIDE PERIODICALS OR INTERNET NEWS WEBSITES PROHIBITED. A state agency may not use money appropriated by the legislature to place an advertisement in or make a donation to a statewide periodical or Internet news website that is supported by donations, memberships, and the sale of advertising space in the periodical or on the website.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.