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H.B. No. 2600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of periodicals by state agencies and certain state officers and to prohibiting state agencies from providing financial support to the news media.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2113.107, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) In this subsection, "state agency" includes the legislature and an agency in the legislative branch of state government. Except as provided by this subsection, a state agency may not use appropriated money to purchase a periodical. A member of the legislature may purchase one subscription to each periodical that is published in the district the member represents. A state officer who is elected in a statewide election may purchase one subscription to each periodical that is published in this state. This subsection does not apply to a purchase for or by a state museum, a state library or archive, or an institution of higher education library.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2113, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2113.108 to read as follows:

Sec. 2113.108. NEWS MEDIA. Except as provided by Section 2113.107(h), a state agency may not use appropriated money to sponsor, partner with, donate to, or otherwise provide financial support to any news media.

1       SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.