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H.B. No. 2832

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the approval of the comptroller of public accounts before a state agency may accept federal money.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 10, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2118 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2118. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL MONEY
BY STATE AGENCIES

Sec. 2118.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "state agency" means 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. The term includes an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

Sec. 2118.002. REQUEST TO ACCEPT FEDERAL MONEY. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a state agency may not accept federal money unless the agency first submits to the comptroller a request to accept the money and the comptroller approves the request.

(b) A request by a state agency under Subsection (a) must include:

(1) a detailed description of each condition or limitation that will be imposed on the agency if the agency accepts the money; and

(2) an estimate of the cost to implement the

1 conditions and limitations described by Subdivision (1).

2 (c) A state agency is not required to submit a request to the
3 comptroller to accept federal money if:

4 (1) the agency previously submitted a request to
5 accept federal money from the same source and for the same purposes
6 to the comptroller under Subsection (a);

7 (2) the comptroller approved the previously submitted
8 request; and

9 (3) no conditions or limitations other than those
10 described in the previously submitted request will be imposed on
11 the agency if the agency accepts the federal money, as determined by
12 the agency.

13 Sec. 2118.003. COMPTROLLER REVIEW. (a) The comptroller
14 shall review and approve or deny a request received under Section
15 2118.002 as soon as practicable after receipt.

16 (b) The comptroller shall communicate to a state agency the
17 approval or denial of a request submitted by the agency under
18 Section 2118.002 before the passing of any applicable federal
19 deadline regarding receipt of the money of which the comptroller is
20 made aware in the request.

21 Sec. 2118.004. COPY OF REQUEST FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS. On
22 receipt of a request under Section 2118.002, the comptroller shall
23 provide a copy of the request to the governor, the lieutenant
24 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
25 chairs of the standing legislative committees with primary
26 jurisdiction over appropriations.

27 Sec. 2118.005. RULES. The comptroller shall adopt rules

1 necessary to administer this chapter, including a rule prescribing
2 the form to be used by a state agency for purposes of making a
3 request under Section 2118.002.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 2118, Government Code, as added by this
5 Act, applies only to federal money made available for receipt by a
6 state agency on or after the effective date of this Act.

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