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H.B. No. 4832

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the deposit of federal reimbursements for border
3 security operations into the general revenue fund and the funding
4 of services and programs in the border region.

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

6 ARTICLE 1. USE OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR BORDER SECURITY
7 OPERATIONS

8 SECTION 1.01. Section 403.093, Government Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds
11 received by the state as reimbursement from the federal government
12 for costs associated with any border security operations or
13 expenditures since fiscal year 2008, shall be deposited into the
14 general revenue fund.

15 (g) Funds deposited under subsection (f) shall be used
16 solely for the purpose of projects qualified under Sec. 421.112,
17 Government Code in counties located within 45 miles from the
18 Texas-Mexico border.

19 ARTICLE 2. GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BORDER REGION

20 SECTION 2.01. Chapter 421, Government Code, is amended by
21 adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

22 SUBCHAPTER G. GRANT PROGRAMS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES,
23 EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES IN THE BORDER REGION

24 Sec. 421.111. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1 (1) "Border region" means a county located within 45
2 miles from the Texas-Mexico border.

3 (3) "Local government" means a municipality, county,
4 special purpose district, or other political subdivision of this
5 state.

6 Sec. 421.112. GRANTS PROGRAMS. The comptroller shall
7 administer grant programs to award funds to local governments or
8 entities in the border region for:

9 (1) infrastructure, technology, and equipment to
10 enhance security and public safety;

11 (2) facilities related to law enforcement,
12 prosecution, and adjudication; and

13 (3) other projects or initiatives necessary for the
14 region's security and economic development.

15 Sec. 421.113. FEDERAL FUNDS; GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS.
16 In addition to other funds appropriated by this act and for purposes
17 of administering and funding the grant programs established under
18 Section 421.112, the comptroller may:

19 (1) seek and apply for any available federal funds;
20 and

21 (2) solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations
22 from any other source, public or private, as necessary to ensure
23 effective implementation of the programs.

24 Sec. 421.114. RULES. (a) The comptroller shall adopt rules
25 for the administration of this subchapter.

26 (b) In adopting the rules, the comptroller shall solicit
27 from public officials and community leaders in the border region

1 and any other interested stakeholders information necessary to
2 identify the greatest needs for financial assistance in that
3 region.

4 (c) In adopting rules that relate to the grant programs
5 established under Section 421.112, the comptroller shall consult
6 federal agencies, state agencies, local governments, and private
7 entities with the relevant knowledge and expertise.

8 (d) The rules must include:

9 (1) administrative provisions for grants awarded
10 under this subchapter, including:

11 (A) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;

12 (B) grant application procedures;

13 (C) guidelines relating to grant amounts;

14 (D) procedures for evaluating grant
15 applications;

16 (E) procedures for monitoring the use of grants;

17 and

18 (F) procedures for re-awarding of a grant due to
19 technical error.

20 (2) methods for tracking the effectiveness of grants;

21 and

22 (3) provisions for donations to the grant program
23 established under Section 421.112.

24 Sec. 421.115. GRANT AMOUNTS. The amount of a grant awarded
25 under this subchapter may not exceed the amount set by the General
26 Appropriations Act.

27 Sec. 421.116. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The recipient of a

1 grant awarded under this subchapter shall submit to the comptroller
2 an annual report on the grant money spent during the year covered by
3 the report and the purposes for which that money was spent.

4 Sec. 421.117. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. Unless otherwise
5 provided by the appropriation, the comptroller may use a reasonable
6 amount, not to exceed five percent, of any general revenue
7 appropriated for purposes of this subchapter to pay the costs of
8 administering this subchapter.

9 ARTICLE 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 SECTION 3.01. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.