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H.B. No. 5573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fraud and waste.

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

SECTION 1. Section 554.002(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A state or local governmental entity may not suspend or terminate the employment of, or take other adverse personnel action against, a public employee who in good faith reports wasteful or fraudulent spending or a violation of law by the employing governmental entity, ~~or~~ another public employee, or an elected officer of the employing governmental entity to an appropriate law enforcement authority.

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