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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to accounting for costs incurred by the health and human services system as a result of the presence in this state of persons who are not lawfully present in the United States.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0255 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0255. ACCOUNTING FOR COSTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

(a) Not later than the 30th day before the first day of each regular legislative session, the commission shall issue to the speaker of the house of representatives, the lieutenant governor, the governor, and the attorney general a report of the financial costs to the health and human services system incurred during the preceding two-year period that resulted from the presence in this state of persons who are not lawfully present in the United States.

(b) The report must include a separate accounting for the costs incurred in specific categories of spending as determined by the comptroller.

(c) On request of the commission, the comptroller shall assist the commission in preparing the report.

SECTION 2. This state recognizes that it is the responsibility of the federal government to maintain the security of the national border to prevent unlawful entry of persons and finds that the federal government should reimburse this state for

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1 expenditures by the Health and Human Services Commission and the  
2 health and human services agencies, as defined by Section 531.001,  
3 Government Code, made necessary by the presence of persons in this  
4 state who are not lawfully present in the United States.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.