



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 983

HOUSE BILL NO. 2190

By Representatives Fritts, Todd, White, Russell, Marsh, Hurt, Capley, Butler, Zachary, Barrett, Warner, Alexander, Moody, Richey, Grills, Littleton, Vital, Sherrell, Lynn, Burkhart, McCalmon, Davis, Hill

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2538

By Senators Niceley, Yager, Lundberg, Hensley, Jackson, Lowe, Massey, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, relative to the authority of the governor.

WHEREAS, the Congressional Committee on Homeland Security reports that the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol had 6.2 million encounters with illegal aliens in FY2023; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Committee on Homeland Security reports that there were an additional 1.7 million illegal aliens who are known to have entered the U.S. after evading the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol; and

WHEREAS, one hundred sixty-nine individuals on the Terrorist Watchlist were stopped trying to cross into the U.S. from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 40% increase in encounters with illegal aliens at our southwest border since President Biden took office in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has declared that conditions along the U.S.-Mexican border in Texas constitute an invasion of his state and our country; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

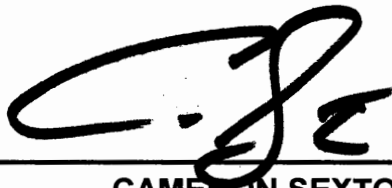
(a) In accordance with the Constitution of Tennessee, Article 3, § 5, which states, "[T]he Militia shall not be called into service except in case of rebellion or invasion, and then only when the General Assembly shall declare, by law, that the public safety requires it[.]" the General Assembly authorizes the Governor of the State of Tennessee to deploy up to a brigade-sized force to Texas to assist in repelling the invasion at the southern border of the United States.

(b) The deployment is authorized during fiscal year 2024-2025.

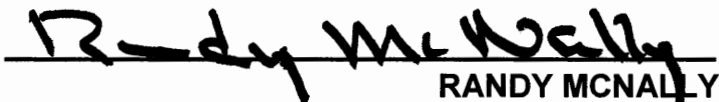
SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 23, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR