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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

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1-10	Creighton	Χ			
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1-17	Zaffirini	X			

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By: Campbell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-21 relating to investment prohibitions and divestment requirements 1-22 for certain investments of public money.

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

SECTION 1. Section 404.024(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (b) <u>Subject to Chapter 2270, state</u> [State] funds not deposited in state depositories shall be invested by the comptroller in:
 - (1) direct security repurchase agreements;
 - (2) reverse security repurchase agreements;
- (3) direct obligations of or obligations the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States;
- (4) direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the United States government;
 - (5) bankers' acceptances that:
- (A) are eligible for purchase by the Federal

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- (B) do not exceed 270 days to maturity; and
- (C) are issued by a bank whose other comparable short-term obligations are rated in the highest short-term rating category, within which there may be subcategories or gradations indicating relative standing, including such subcategories or gradations as "rating category" or "rated," by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 78c [Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 by the Securities and Exchange Commission];
 - (6) commercial paper that:
 - (A) does not exceed 270 days to maturity; and
- (B) except as provided by Subsection (i), is issued by an entity whose other comparable short-term obligations are rated in the highest short-term rating category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (7) contracts written by the treasury in which the treasury grants the purchaser the right to purchase securities in the treasury's marketable securities portfolio at a specified price over a specified period and for which the treasury is paid a fee and specifically prohibits naked-option or uncovered option trading;
- 1-58 specifically prohibits naked-option or uncovered option trading; 1-59 (8) direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by 1-60 the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Bank for

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(9) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel;

(10) obligations of a state or an agency, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state;

(11) mutual funds secured by obligations that are described by Subdivisions (1) through (6) or by obligations consistent with Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, including pooled funds:

(A) established by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company;

(B) operated like a mutual fund; and

(C) with portfolios consisting only of dollar-denominated securities;

(12) foreign currency for the sole purpose of facilitating investment by state agencies that have the authority to invest in foreign securities;

(13) asset-backed securities, as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), that are rated at least A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization and that have a weighted-average maturity of five years or less; and

(14) corporate debt obligations that are rated at least A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization and mature in five years or less from the date on which the obligations were "acquired," as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7).

SECTION 2. Section 2256.017, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2256.017. EXISTING INVESTMENTS. Except as provided by Chapter 2270, an [An] entity is not required to liquidate investments that were authorized investments at the time of purchase.

SECTION 3. Section 2256.024(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The authority granted by this subchapter is in addition to that granted by other law. Except as provided by Subsection (b) and Section 2256.017, this subchapter does not:

(1) prohibit an investment specifically authorized by other law; or

(2) authorize an investment specifically prohibited by other law.

SECTION 4. Chapter 806, Government Code, is transferred to Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code, redesignated as Chapter 2270 of that subtitle, and amended to read as follows:

of that subtitle, and amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2270 [806]. PROHIBITION ON INVESTING PUBLIC MONEY IN

CERTAIN INVESTMENTS [INVESTMENT IN SUDAN]

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. $\frac{2270.0001}{(1)}$ [806.001]. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: (1) "Active business operations" means all business operations that are not inactive business operations.

(2) ["Business operations" means engaging in commerce in any form in Sudan, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

[(3)] "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other entity or business association whose securities are publicly traded, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations, that exists

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- to make a profit.

 (3) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" means

 foreign terrorist organization by organization designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States secretary of state as authorized by 8 U.S.C. Section 1189. (4)
- (4) ["Complicit" means taking actions that have supported or promoted the genocidal campaign in Darfur, directly including:
- [(A) preventing members of Darfur's victimized population from communicating with each other;
- [(B) encouraging Sudanese citizens to speak out against an internationally approved security force for Darfur; or

 [(C) actively working to deny, cover up, or alter the record on human rights abuses in Darfur.
- [(5)] "Direct holdings" in a company["] means all securities of that company held directly by an investing [a state governmental] entity in an account or fund in which an investing [a state governmental] entity owns all shares or interests.
- (5) [(6) "Government of Sudan" means the government in Khartoum, Sudan, which is led by the National Congress Party, formerly known as the National Islamic Front, or any successor government formed on or after October 13, 2006, including the coalition National Unity Government agreed upon in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement for Sudan. The term does not include the regional government of Southern Sudan the regional government of southern Sudan.
- $\left[\frac{7}{7}\right]$ "Inactive business operations" means the mere continued holding or renewal of rights to property previously operated to generate revenue but not presently deployed to generate revenue.
- mutual fund, managed by one or more persons not employed by an investing [a state governmental] entity, in which the investing [state governmental] entity owns shares or interests together with other investors not subject to this chapter. The term does not include money invested under a plan described by Section 401(k) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
 - "Investing entity" means:
 - (A)
 - an entity subject to Chapter 2256; the Employees Retirement System of Texas; (B)
 - the Teacher Retirement System of Texas; and (C)
 - (D) the comptroller with respect
- comptroller's investment of state funds.

 (8) [(9)] "Listed company" means a company listed by the comptroller under Section 2270.0201 [806.051].

 (9) [(10) "Marginalized populations of Sudan"

includes:

- [(A) the portion of the population in the Darfur region that has been genocidally victimized;
- [(B) the portion of the population of southern Sudan victimized by Sudan's North-South civil war;
- (C) the Beja, Rashidiya, and other similarly underserved groups of eastern Sudan;
- [(D) the Nubian and other similarly underserved groups in Sudan's Abyei, Southern Blue Nile, and Nuba Mountain regions; and
- [(E) the Amri, Hamadab, Manasir, and other similarly underserved groups of northern Sudan.
 [(11) "Military equipment" means weapons, arms,
- supplies, and equipment that readily may be used for military purposes, including radar systems or military-grade transport vehicles or supplies or services sold or provided directly or indirectly to any force actively participating in armed conflict in Sudan.
- [(12) "Mineral extraction activities" includes 3-65 exploring, extracting, processing, transporting, or wholesale 3**-**66 3-67 selling or trading of elemental minerals or associated metal alloys or oxides (ore), including gold, copper, chromium, chromite, diamonds, iron, iron ore, silver, tungsten, uranium, and zinc, as 3-68 3-69

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well as facilitating those activities, including by providing supplies or services in support of those activities.
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                                     "Oil-related activities" includes:
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                                  [(C) constructing, maintaining, or operating a
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         pipeline, refinery, or other oil-field infrastructure; or
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         including by providing supplies or services in support of the activities, except that the mere retail sale of gasoline and
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         related consumer products is not an oil-related activity.
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                         [(14) "Power production activities" means
        business operation that involves a project commissioned by the National Electricity Corporation of Sudan or another similar Government of Sudan entity whose purpose is to facilitate power
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         generation and delivery, including establishing power-generating
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         the project, and providing service contracts related to the installation or maintenance of the project, as well as facilitating
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         those activities, including by providing supplies or services in
         support of those activities.
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                          [<del>(15)</del>] "Scrutinized company" means:
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         \frac{(A)}{(i)} \text{ a company that:} \\ \frac{(i)}{(A)} \text{ engages in scrutinized business} \\ \text{operations described by Section } \frac{2270.0052}{(B)} \text{ [} \frac{806.002}{(B)} \text{]; or} \\ \frac{(ii)}{(B)} \text{ has been complicit in the Darfur}
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         genocide during any preceding 20-month period;
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         (B) a company that engages in business operations described by Section 2270.0102; and
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                                  (C) a company that engages in scrutinized
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         business operations described by Section 2270.0152.

[(16) "Social development company" means a company
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         whose primary purpose in Sudan is to provide humanitarian goods or
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        services, including medicine or medical equipment, agricultural supplies or infrastructure, educational opportunities, journalism-related activities, information or information
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        materials, spiritual-related activities, services of a purely clerical or reporting nature, food, clothing, or general consumer goods that are unrelated to oil-related activities, mineral
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         extraction activities, or power production activities.
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                         [(17) "State governmental entity" means the Employees
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         Texas.
         [(18) "Substantial action" means adopting, publicizing, and implementing a formal plan to cease scrutinized
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         business operations within one year and to refrain from any such new
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         business operations, undertaking significant humanitarian efforts on behalf of one or more marginalized populations of Sudan, or,
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         through engagement with the Government of Sudan, materially
         improving conditions for the genocidally victimized population in
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         Darfur.
         Sec. 2270.0002 [806.002. SCRUTINIZED BUSINESS OPERATIONS. A company engages in scrutinized business operations if:
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                          (1) the company has business operations that involve
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         contracts with or providing supplies or services to the Government
         of Sudan, a company in which the Government of Sudan has any direct
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         or indirect equity share, a Government of Sudan-commissioned consortium or project, or a company involved in a Government of
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         Sudan-commissioned consortium or project, and:
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        [(A) more than 10 percent of the company's revenues or assets linked to Sudan involve oil-related activities or mineral extraction activities, less than 75 percent of the company's revenue or assets linked to Sudan involve contracts with or provision of oil-related or mineral extracting products or
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         services to the regional government of southern Sudan or a project
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         or consortium created exclusively by that regional government, and the company has failed to take substantial action; or
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         company has failed to take substantial action; or
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                                  the company supplies military equipment in Sudan,
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        [(\Lambda) the company clearly shows that the military equipment cannot be used to facilitate offensive military actions
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        verifiable safeguards to prevent use of that equipment by forces
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        actively participating in armed conflict, including:
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                                         [(i) using post-sale tracking
        equipment by the company;

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        reputable and objective third party that the equipment is not being
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        used by a party participating in armed conflict in Sudan; or
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        [(iii) selling the equipment solely to the regional government of southern Sudan or any internationally recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization.
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        [Sec. 806.003. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Notwithstanding any other law, a social development company that is
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         not complicit in the Darfur genocide is not a scrutinized company.
                  [Sec. 806.004]. EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding any other law,
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         a company that the United States government affirmatively declares
         to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan,
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         its federal sanctions regime relating to Iran, or any federal
         sanctions regime relating to a designated foreign terrorist organization is not subject to divestment or investment prohibition
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         under this chapter.
                 Sec. 2270.0003 [<del>806.005</del>]. OTHER LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.
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         respect to actions taken in compliance with this chapter, including
        all good faith determinations regarding companies as required by this chapter, an investing [a state governmental] entity is exempt from any conflicting statutory or common law obligations, including
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         any obligations with respect to making investments, divesting from
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         any investment, preparing or maintaining any list of companies, or
         choosing asset managers, investment funds, or investments for the [state governmental] entity's securities portfolios.
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         INCONSISTENT WITH FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED DUTIES.
        An investing entity described by Section 2270.0001(7)(B) or (C) is not subject to a requirement of this chapter if the entity determines that the requirement would be inconsistent with the
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         entity's fiduciary responsibility with respect to the investment of
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        entity assets or other duties imposed by law relating to the investment of entity assets, including the duty of care established under Section 67, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

Sec. 2270.0005. CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAW. To the extent of a conflict between this chapter and a provision of Chapter 404 or 2256
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         regarding an investing entity's investments, this chapter
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        prevails.
         Sec. 2270.0006 [806.006]. INDEMNIFICATION OF [STATE COVERNMENTAL] ENTITIES, EMPLOYEES, AND OTHERS.
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        of action based on an action, inaction, decision, divestment, investment, company communication, report, or other determination made or taken in connection with this chapter, the state shall, without regard to whether the person performed services for
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         compensation, indemnify and hold harmless for actual damages, court
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         costs, and attorney's fees adjudged against, and defend:
        (1) an employee, a member of the governing body, or any other officer of an investing [a state governmental] entity;

(2) a contractor of an investing [a state
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        governmental] entity;
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governing body, or any other former officer of an investing [a state

governmental] entity who was an employee or officer when the act or

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(3) a former employee, a former member of

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(4) a former contractor of <u>an investing</u> [a state governmental] entity who was a contractor when the act or omission on which the damages are based occurred; and

(5) an investing entity.

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Sec. $\frac{2270.0007}{2270.0007}$ [806.007]. NO PRIVATE CAUSE OF A person, including a member, retiree, and beneficiary of a retirement system to which this chapter applies, an association, a research firm, a company, or any other person may not sue or pursue a private cause of action against the state, an investing [a state governmental] entity, an employee, a member of the governing body, or any other officer of an investing [a state governmental] entity, or a contractor of an investing [a state governmental] entity, for any claim or cause of action, including breach of fiduciary duty, or for violation of any constitutional, statutory, or regulatory requirement in connection with any action, inaction, decision, divestment, investment, company communication, report, or other determination made or taken in connection with this chapter.

(b) A person who files suit against the state, an investing [a state governmental] entity, an employee, a member of the governing body, or any other officer of an investing [a state governmental] entity, or a contractor of an investing [a state governmental] entity, is liable for paying the costs and attorney's fees of a person sued in violation of this section.

Sec. 2270.0008. RELIANCE ON COMPANY RESPONSE. The comptroller in administering this chapter and an investing entity may rely on a company's response to a notice or communication made under this chapter without conducting any further investigation, research, or inquiry.

SUBCHAPTER B. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO INVESTMENTS IN SUDAN

Sec. 2270.0051. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

- (1) "Business operations" means engaging in commerce including by acquiring, developing, in any form in Sudan, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.
- "Complicit" means taking actions directly supported or promoted the genocidal campaign in Darfur, including:
- preventing members of Darfur's victimized (A) population from communicating with each other;
- (B) encouraging Sudanese citizens to speak out against an internationally approved security force for Darfur; or

(C) actively working to deny, cover up, or alter the record on human rights abuses in Darfur.

"Government of Sudan" means the government (3) Khartoum, Sudan, which is led by the National Congress Party, formerly known as the National Islamic Front, or any successor government formed on or after October 13, 2006, including the coalition National Unity Government agreed upon in the Sudan, which is led by the National Congress Party, The term does not include Comprehensive Peace Agreement for Sudan. the regional government of southern Sudan.

"Marginalized populations of Sudan" includes: (4)

(A) the portion of the population in the Darfur region that has been genocidally victimized;

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(B) the portion of the population of southern Sudan victimized by Sudan's North-South civil war;

(C) the Beja, Rashidiya, and other similarly

underserved groups of eastern Sudan;
(D) the Nubian and other similarly underserved groups in Sudan's Abyei, Southern Blue Nile, and Nuba Mountain regions; and

the Amri, Hamadab, (E) Manasir, and other similarly underserved groups of northern Sudan.

6-66 (5) "Military equipment" means weapons, supplies, and equipment that readily may be used for military 6-67 military purposes, including radar systems or military-grade 6-68 transport vehicles or supplies or services sold or provided 6-69

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directly or indirectly to any force actively participating in armed conflict in Sudan.

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<u>"</u>Min<u>eral</u> (6) activities" extraction exploring, extracting, processing, transporting, or wholesale selling or trading of elemental minerals or associated metal alloys or oxides (ore), including gold, copper, chromium, chromite, diamonds, iron, iron ore, silver, tungsten, uranium, and zinc, as well as facilitating those activities, including by providing supplies or services in support of those activities.

(7) "Oil-related activities" includes:

(A) owning rights to oil blocks;
(B) exporting, extracting, producing, refining processing, exploring for, transporting, selling, or trading of oil;

(C) constructing, maintaining, or operating a pipeline, refinery, or other oil-field infrastructure; or

(D) facilitating oil-related activities, including by providing supplies or services in support of the activities, except that the mere retail sale of gasoline and related consumer products is not an oil-related activity.

(8) "Power production activities" means any business

that involves a project commissioned by the National Electricity Corporation of Sudan or another similar government of Sudan entity whose purpose is to facilitate power generation and including establishing power-generating plants or hydroelectric dams, selling or installing components for the project, and providing service contracts related to the installation or maintenance of the project, as well as facilitating those activities, including by providing supplies or services in support of those activities.

"Social development company" means a company whose purpose in Sudan is to provide humanitarian goods or primary services, including medicine or medical equipment, agricultural supplies or infrastructure, educational opportunities, journalism-related activities, information or information materials, spiritual-related activities, services of a purely clerical or reporting nature, food, clothing, or general consumer goods that are unrelated to oil-related activities, mineral extraction activities, or power production activities.

(10) "Substantial action" means

(10) "Substantial action" means adopting, publicizing, and implementing a formal plan to cease scrutinized business operations within one year and to refrain from any such new business operations, undertaking significant humanitarian efforts on behalf of one or more marginalized populations of Sudan, or, through engagement with the government of Sudan, materially improving conditions for the genocidally victimized population in Darfur.

Sec. 2270.0052. SCRUTINIZED BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN SUDAN.

A company engages in scrutinized business operations in Sudan if:

(1) the company has business operations that involve contracts with or providing supplies or services to the government of Sudan, a company in which the government of Sudan has any direct or indirect equity share, a government of Sudan-commissioned consortium or project, or a company involved in a government of Sudan-commissioned consortium or project and:

of (A) more than 10 percent the company's revenues or assets linked to Sudan involve oil-related activities or mineral extraction activities, less than 75 percent of the company's revenue or assets linked to Sudan involve contracts with or provision of oil-related or mineral extracting products or services to the regional government of southern Sudan or a project or consortium created exclusively by that regional government, and the company has failed to take substantial action; or

(B) more than 10 percent of the company's revenue or assets linked to Sudan involve power production activities, less than 75 percent of the company's power production activities include projects whose intent is to provide power or electricity to the marginalized populations of Sudan, and the company has failed to take substantial action; or

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8-1 (2) the company supplies military equipment in Sudan, 8-2 unless: the company clearly shows that the military 8-3 8-4 equipment cannot be used to facilitate offensive military actions

in Sudan; or (B) the company implements rigorous

verifiable safeguards to prevent use of that equipment by forces actively participating in armed conflict, including:

(i) using post-sale tracking of the

equipment by the company;

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certification (ii) obtaining from reputable and objective third party that the equipment is not being used by a party participating in armed conflict in Sudan; or

(iii) selling the equipment solely regional government regional government of southern Sudan or any internat recognized peacekeeping force or humanitarian organization. southern Sudan or any internationally

Sec. 2270.0053. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. Notwithstanding any other law, a social development company that is not complicit in the Darfur genocide is not a scrutinized company under Section 2270.0001(9)(A).

SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO INVESTMENTS IN IRAN

SUBCHAPTER C Sec. 2270.0101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Business operations" means engaging in form in Iran, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

"Military equipment" (2) means weapons, military supplies, and equipment that readily may be used for military purposes, including radar systems and military-grade transport vehicles.

Sec. 2270.0102. SCRUTINIZED BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN IRAN. company engages in scrutinized business operations in Iran if:

(1) the company has business operations that involve contracts with or providing supplies or services to the government of Iran, a company in which the government of Iran has any direct or indirect equity share, a consortium or project commissioned by the government of Iran, or a company involved in a consortium or project

commissioned by the government of Iran; or
(2) the company supplies military equipment to Iran. SUBCHAPTER D. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO INVESTMENTS IN CERTAIN FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

ec. 2270.0151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Business operations" means engaging in commerce form, including by acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

(2) "Terroristic equipment" means weapons, arms, supplies, and equipment that readily may be used for

terroristic purposes or activities.

Sec. 2270.0152. SCRUTINIZED BUSINESS OPERATIONS DESIGNATED FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. A company engages in scrutinized business operations with a designated terrorist organization if:

(1) the company has business operations that involve:

(A) a contract with or providing supplies or services to a designated foreign terrorist organization;

(B) a company in which a designated for terrorist organization has any direct or indirect equity share;

(C) a consortium or project commissioned by designated foreign terrorist organization; or

(D) a company involved in a consortium or project

commissioned by a designated foreign terrorist organization; or (2) the company supplies terroristic equipment to a designated foreign terrorist organization.

Sec. 2270.0153. LIST OF DESIGNATED FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. (a) The comptroller shall prepare and maintain a

list of designated foreign terrorist organizations.

(b) The comptroller shall maintain the list by updating the as necessary to reflect changes in the list of foreign organizations designated as foreign terrorist organizations by the United States secretary of state as authorized by 8 U.S.C. Section

30th <u>a</u>fter later than the day the date comptroller first prepares or updates the list of designated foreign terrorist organizations as required by this section,

comptroller shall:

(1) file the list with the presiding officer of each house of the legislature and the attorney general; and

the list on the comptroller's post Internet website.

SUBCHAPTER \underline{E} [\underline{B}]. DUTIES REGARDING INVESTMENTS Sec. $\underline{2270.0201}$ [$\underline{806.051}$]. LISTED COMPANIES. comptroller shall prepare and maintain[$\underline{,}$ and provide to (a) The list must be categorized according to:

/1\ companies that are scrutinized companies under governmental entity, a list of all scrutinized companies.

Section 2270.0001(9)(A);

(2) companies that are scrutinized companies under Section 2270.0001(9)(B); and

(3) companies that are scrutinized companies under Section 2270.0001(9)(C).

In maintaining the list of scrutinized companies under Subsection (a), the comptroller may review and rely, as appropriate in the comptroller's judgment, on publicly available information regarding companies with business operations in Sudan, in Iran, or with designated foreign terrorist organizations, as applicable, including information provided by the state, nonprofit organizations, research firms, international organizations, and governmental entities.

(c) [(b)] The comptroller shall update the list of scrutinized companies under Subsection (a) annually or more often as the comptroller considers necessary, but not more often than quarterly, based on information from, among other sources, those listed in Subsection (b) [(a)].

The comptroller shall: (d)

(1) provide each list prepared or updated under this section to each investing entity; and (2) post each list on the comptroller's Internet

website.

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 $\overline{\text{(e)}}$ [$\overline{\text{(c)}}$] Not later than the 30th day after the date <u>a</u> [$\overline{\text{the}}$] list of scrutinized companies is [first] provided [first], the comptroller shall file the list of scrutinized companies with the presiding officer of each house of the legislature and the attorney

(f) For purposes of the prohibitions and duties under this chapter, the date the comptroller posts on the comptroller's Internet website a list of scrutinized companies under this section is considered the date the comptroller receives notice of the list.

Sec. $\underline{2270.0202}$ [$\underline{806.052}$]. IDENTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT IN LISTED COMPANIES. Not later than the 30th day after the date \underline{an} <u>investing</u> [a state governmental] entity receives a [the] list provided under Section $\underline{2270.0201}$ [806.051], the [state governmental] entity shall notify the comptroller of the listed companies in which the [state governmental] entity owns direct or indirect holdings.

2270.0203 [806.053]. NOTICE TO LISTED COMPANY ENGAGED BUSINESS OPERATIONS. INACTIVE For each listed company identified under Section $\underline{2270.0202}$ [$\underline{806.052}$] that is engaged in only inactive scrutinized business operations, the investing [state governmental] entity shall send a written notice informing the company of this chapter and encouraging the company to continue to refrain from initiating active business operations in Sudan, in Iran, and with designated foreign terrorist organizations until it is able to avoid being considered a listed company. The investing [state governmental] entity shall continue the correspondence as

the entity considers necessary, but is not required to initiate 10-1 correspondence more often than semiannually. 10-2

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Sec. 2270.0204 [806.054]. ACTIONS RELATICOMPANY ENGAGED IN ACTIVE BUSINESS OPERATIONS. RELATING TOCOMPANY ENGAGED IN ACTIVE BUSINESS OPERATIONS. (a) For each listed company identified under Section 2270.0202 [806.052] that is engaged in scrutinized active business operations, the investing [state governmental] entity shall send a written notice informing the company of its listed c the company of its listed company status and warning the company that it may become subject to divestment by <u>investing</u> [state governmental] entities.

- (b) The notice shall offer the company the opportunity to clarify its Sudan-related, Iran-related, or designated foreign terrorist organization-related activities, as applicable, and shall encourage the company, not later than the 90th day after the date the company receives notice under this section, to either cease all [its] scrutinized business operations as described by Sections 2270.0052, 2270.0102, and 2270.0152, or convert such operations to inactive business operations in order to avoid qualifying for divestment by investing [state governmental] entities.
- If, during the time provided by Subsection (b), (c) company ceases scrutinized business operations described by that subsection, the comptroller shall remove the company from the list of scrutinized companies and this chapter will no longer apply to the company unless it resumes scrutinized business operations.
- (d) If, during the time provided by Subsection (b), the company converts its scrutinized active business operations to inactive business operations, the company is subject to all provisions of this chapter relating to inactive business operations.
- If, after the time provided by Subsection (b) expires, (e) the listed company continues to have scrutinized active business operations, the investing [state governmental] entity shall sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the company, except securities described by Section $\frac{2270.0207}{[806.057]}$, according to the schedule provided by Section $\frac{2270.0206}{2270.0206}$
- Sec. <u>2270.0205</u> [806.055]. ACTIONS RELATING TO
- COMPANY COMPLICIT IN GENOCIDE. (a) In this section, "complicit" has the meaning assigned by Section 2270.0051.

 (b) For each company identified under Section 2270.0202

 [806.052] that has been complicit, the investing [state] governmental] entity shall send a written notice informing the company of its listed company status and warning the company that it become subject to divestment by the investing governmental] entity.
- $\underline{\text{(c)}}$ [$\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{)}}$] The notice must require the listed company to refrain from taking any further action that would make it complicit.
- (d) [(c)] If, after receiving the notice under Subsection (b) [(a)], the listed company takes additional action that makes the company complicit, the investing [state governmental] entity shall sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the company, except securities described by Section 2270.0207 [806.057], according to the schedule provided by Section 2270.0206 [806.056].
- Sec. 2270.0206 [806.056]. DIVESTMENT OF ASSETS. investing [A state governmental] entity required to sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of a listed company shall comply with the following schedule:

 (1) at least 50 percent of those assets shall be
- removed from the <u>investing</u> [state governmental] entity's assets under management not later than the 270th day after the date the
- company receives notice under Section 2270.0204 [806.054] or 2270.0205 [806.055] or Subsection (b); and

 (2) 100 percent of those assets shall be removed from the investing [state governmental] entity's assets under management not later than the 450th day after the date the company 10-66 10-67 10-68 receives notice under Section $\underline{2270.0204}$ [$\underline{806.054}$] or $\underline{2270.0205}$ 10-69

11-1 [806.055] or Subsection (b).

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(b) If a company that ceased scrutinized active business operations after receiving notice under Section 2270.0204 [806.054] resumes scrutinized active business operations, the investing [state governmental] entity shall send a written notice to the company informing it that the [state governmental] entity will sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the scrutinized company according to the schedule in Subsection (a).

(c) An investing [A state governmental] entity may delay the schedule for divestment under Subsection (a) only to the extent that the [state governmental] entity determines, in the [state governmental] entity's good faith judgment, that divestment from listed companies will likely result in a loss in value described by Section 2270.0208(a) [806.058(a)]. If the [a state governmental] entity delays the schedule for divestment, the [state governmental] entity shall submit a report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature and the attorney general stating the reasons and justification for the [state governmental] entity's delay in divestment from listed companies. The report must include documentation supporting its determination that the divestment would result in a loss in value described by Section 2270.0208(a) [806.058(a)], including objective numerical estimates. The investing [state governmental] entity shall update the report every six months.

Sec. 2270.0207 [806.057]. INVESTMENTS EXEMPTED FROM DIVESTMENT. An investing [A state governmental] entity is not required to divest from any indirect holdings in actively managed investment funds or private equity funds. The investing [state governmental] entity shall submit letters to the managers of investment funds containing listed companies requesting that they consider removing those companies from the fund or create a similar actively managed fund with indirect holdings devoid of listed companies. If the manager creates a similar fund with substantially the same management fees and same level of investment risk, the investing [state governmental] entity shall replace all applicable investments with investments in the similar fund in an expedited time frame consistent with prudent fiduciary standards.

Sec. $\underline{2270.0208}$ [806.058]. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENT IN LISTED COMPANIES. (a) An investing [A state governmental] entity may cease divesting from or may reinvest in one or more listed companies if clear and convincing evidence shows that the value for all assets under management by the [state governmental] entity becomes equal to or less than 99.7 percent of the hypothetical value of all assets under management by the [state governmental] entity had the [state governmental] entity not divested from listed companies under this chapter.

- (b) An investing [A state governmental] entity may invest in a listed company as provided by this section only to the extent necessary to ensure that the value of the assets managed by the [state governmental] entity does not fall below the value described by Subsection (a).
- (c) Before an investing [a state governmental] entity may invest in a listed company under this section, the [state governmental] entity must provide a written report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature and the attorney general setting forth the reason and justification, supported by clear and convincing evidence, for its decisions to cease divestment, to reinvest, or to remain invested in a listed company.
- (d) The <u>investing</u> [state governmental] entity shall update the report required by Subsection (c) semiannually, as applicable.
- (e) This section does not apply to reinvestment in a company that has ceased to be a listed company.

Sec. 2270.0209 [806.059]. PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS. Except 11-65 as provided by Sections 2270.0002 [806.004] and 2270.0208 11-66 [806.058], an investing [a state governmental] entity may not 11-67 acquire securities of a listed company.

SUBCHAPTER F [C]. EXPIRATION; REPORT; ENFORCEMENT

SUBCHAPTER \underline{F} [\underline{C}]. EXPIRATION; REPORT; ENFORCEMENT Sec. $\underline{2270.0251}$ [$\underline{806.101}$]. EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER. This

chapter expires <u>September 1, 2037</u> [on the earliest of: 12-1

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[(1) the date on which the United States 12-2 Congress or president of the United States declares that the 12-3 genocide has been halted for at least 12 months; 12-4

[(2) the date on which the United States revokes its sanctions against the Government of Sudan; or
[(3) the date on which the United States Congress

the president of the United States, through legislation executive order, declares that mandatory divestment of the type provided for in this chapter interferes with the conduct of United States foreign policy].

Sec. $2\overline{270.0252}$ [806.102]. REPORT. Not later than December 31 of each year, each investing [state governmental] entity shall:

(1) file a publicly available report with the presiding officer of each house of the legislature $\underline{and}[\tau]$ the attorney general [τ and the United States presidential special envoy to Sudan | that:

investments (A) [(A) identifies all divested, redeemed, or withdrawn in compliance with Section <u>2270.0206</u> [806.056];

 $[\frac{(2)}{1}]$ identifies all prohibited investments (B) under Section $227\overline{0.0209}$ [806.059]; and

(C) [(3)] summarizes any changes made under Section <u>2270.0207</u>; and

(2) file a report with the United States presidential envoy to Sudan that identifies investments in Sudan identified in the report as required by Subdivisions (1)(A) and (B) and summarizes any changes made under Section 2270.0207 related to those investments [806.057].

Sec. $\underline{2270.0253}$ [$\underline{806.103}$]. ENFORCEMENT. The attogeneral may bring any action necessary to enforce this chapter. attornev

SECTION 5. Chapter 807, Government Code, is repealed. SECTION 6. (a) On the effective date of this Act, all powers, duties, and functions of the State Pension Review Board under Chapter 807, Government Code, as repealed by this Act, are transferred to the comptroller of public accounts.

(b) All of the following that relate to a power, duty, or function transferred under Subsection (a) of this section are

transferred to the comptroller of public accounts on the effective date of this Act:

(1)all obligations and contracts;

all property and records in the custody of the (2) State Pension Review Board;

(3) all funds appropriated by the legislature and other money;

all complaints, investigations, or contested (4)cases that are pending before the State Pension Review Board, without change in status; and

(5) all necessary personnel.

(c) A rule, policy, or form adopted by or on behalf of the State Pension Review Board that relates to a power, duty, or function transferred under Subsection (a) of this section becomes a rule, policy, or form of the comptroller of public accounts on the transfer of the related power, duty, or function and remains in effect:

(1) until altered by the comptroller of public accounts; or

(2) unless it conflicts with a rule, policy, or form of

the comptroller of public accounts.

(d) An action brought or proceeding commenced before the date of a transfer under this section, including a contested case or a remand of an action or proceeding by a reviewing court, is governed by the laws and rules applicable to the action or proceeding before the transfer.

SECTION 7. Not later than September 1, 2017, the comptroller of public accounts shall prepare the initial list of designated foreign terrorist organizations as required by Section 2270.0153, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 8. Not later than October 1, 2017, the comptroller

13-1 of public accounts shall:

13-2 (1) prepare an updated list of scrutinized companies 13-3 required by Section 2270.0201, Government Code, as added by this 13-4 Act;

- 13-5 (2) provide the list to each investing entity, as 13-6 defined by Section 2270.0001, Government Code, as added by this 13-7 Act; and
- 13-8 (3) post the list on the comptroller's Internet 13-9 website.

SECTION 9. 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 13-14 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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