

# HB244 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would prohibit a state agency or other political subdivision of the state from implementing the provisions of a treaty without a resolution of ratification approved by the United States Senate and would provide penalties for violations.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to state government; to prohibit a state agency or other political subdivision of the state from taking certain actions in response to treaties; and to provide penalties for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state agency or other political subdivision of the state may not employ state funds, personnel, or facilities to implement the provisions of any treaty without a resolution of ratification approved by the United States Senate.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) creates a cause of action in state court for injunctive and declaratory relief,



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29 compensatory damages of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)  
30 per violation, and reasonable attorney fees.

31 (c) A state agency or other political subdivision of  
32 the state that adopts a rule, regulation, ordinance, or  
33 guidance recommending or requiring compliance with any  
34 provision of a treaty without a resolution of ratification  
35 approved by the United States Senate shall bear the burden of  
36 proving that the treaty was not a factor in the process of  
37 adopting the rule, regulation, ordinance, or guidance.

38 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
39 2024.