

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 8, 2021

The Honorable John B. Scott Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 3:30 Pmorclock

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his constitutional powers as governor and chief executive officer of the State of Texas, Governor Greg Abbott, has reviewed the following legislation from the 87th Texas Legislature, Third Called Session.

The Governor has signed and approved the following:

Senate Bill No. 8 by Nelson which is effective immediately.

The Governor also attached a signature message to accompany his approval of Senate Bill 8.

Official copies of the legislation and message referenced above are attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson Executive Clerk to the Governor

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STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

Senate Bill No. 8 from the 87th Legislature, Third Called Session, appropriates funds made available to the State of Texas under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2. The Texas Attorney General has advised that the State's receipt and use of these so-called "ARPA Funds" does not legally lead to a COVID-19 vaccine mandate in Texas. Based on this understanding, I signed and approved this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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GREG ABBOTT Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas November 8, 2021

