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Statement from Senator Miles Regarding SB 4

"Republicans in the Texas State Senate advanced the controversial Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 4 with a split vote today. This divisive bill would effectively make our local police federal immigration enforcers, and in return, law enforcement would receive little to no training. Law enforcement agencies that do not comply would be punished, with severe cuts to grant funding, effectively hurting the most vulnerable Texans, including children, women, families and veterans. This bill criminalizes immigrants, endangers cities from helping those in need and creates fear. It would escalate racial tensions with local law enforcement, and discourage people from reporting crimes for fear of deportation. As a former police officer, I know that relationships with communities and police are essential to ensure public safety. I was proud to stand against this measure and vote no. Now, the bill will go to the Texas House of Representatives and I encourage my colleagues there to carefully consider the impact this bill would have on our communities and Texas."

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