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H.B. No. 1350

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the publication of certain information regarding certain disciplinary appeals filed by police officers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.056 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.056. REPORTING ON POLICE OFFICER DISCIPLINARY APPEAL HEARINGS. The department shall publish on the department's Internet website the information reported to the department under Section 180.008, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.008. ARBITRATOR REPORTING REGARDING CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY APPEAL HEARINGS FOR POLICE OFFICERS. An arbitrator selected to hear an appeal of the disciplinary suspension or dismissal of a municipal police officer, deputy sheriff, deputy constable, or other police officer, including an appeal under Section 143.057 or 143.1016 or under a collective bargaining, meet and confer, or other similar agreement, shall report to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, for each hearing arbitrated by the arbitrator:

(1) the ruling in the hearing;

(2) the date of the ruling;

(3) sources of the arbitrator's payment; and

1 (4) amounts paid to the police officer as a result of
2 the ruling in the hearing.

3 SECTION 3. Section 180.008, Local Government Code, as added
4 by this Act, applies only to a disciplinary appeal that is initiated
5 on or after the effective date of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.