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S.B. No. 1967

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to compensation and leave for certain employees of the
3 office of inspector general of the Texas Juvenile Justice
4 Department.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (5) "State employee" means an individual who:

9 (A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of
10 the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission,
11 the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department of
12 Criminal Justice, the attorney general, ~~[or]~~ the insurance fraud
13 unit of the Texas Department of Insurance, or the office of
14 inspector general of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department;

15 (B) is a commissioned security officer of the
16 comptroller;

17 (C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by
18 the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

19 (D) is a commissioned peace officer of an
20 institution of higher education;

21 (E) is an employee or official of the Board of
22 Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department
23 of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct
24 contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or

1 with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's
2 jurisdiction;

3 (F) has been certified to the Employees
4 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun
5 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,
6 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having
7 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial
8 officer;

9 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty
10 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a
11 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay; or

12 (H) is a security officer employed by the Texas
13 Military Department.

14 SECTION 2. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 (a) This section applies to a peace officer under Article
17 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law
18 enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by:

19 (1) the Public Safety Commission and the director of
20 the Department of Public Safety;

21 (2) the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

22 (3) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

23 (4) the attorney general; ~~or~~

24 (5) the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department
25 of Insurance; or

26 (6) the office of inspector general of the Texas
27 Juvenile Justice Department.

1 SECTION 3. Section 242.102, Human Resources Code, is
2 amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

3 (j) The department shall ensure that a peace officer
4 commissioned under Subsection (d) is compensated according to
5 Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule
6 prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

7 SECTION 4. (a) The classification officer in the office of
8 the state auditor shall classify the position of commissioned peace
9 officer employed by the office of inspector general of the Texas
10 Juvenile Justice Department as a Schedule C position under the
11 Texas Position Classification Plan.

12 (b) The change made by the classification officer as
13 required by this section applies beginning with the state fiscal
14 biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

15 (c) This section expires September 1, 2025.

16 SECTION 5. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, as amended
17 by this Act, applies only to an injury that occurs on or after the
18 effective date of this Act.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.