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H.B. No. 470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the responsibility for providing law enforcement and public safety services in the Capitol Complex.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Texas Capitol Public Safety Protection Act.

SECTION 2. Section 411.061(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this subchapter, "Capitol Complex" means the following property that is located in Austin, Texas, to the extent the property is owned by or under the control of the state:

(1) the area bounded on the north by the inside curb of Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard, on the east by the outside curb of Trinity Street, on the south by the outside curb of 10th Street, and on the west by the outside curb of Lavaca Street;

(2) the William P. Clements State Office Building located at 300 West 15th Street; ~~and~~

(3) the area bounded on the north by the outside curb of 10th Street as described in Subdivision (1), on the east by the outside curb of Brazos Street, on the south by Lady Bird Lake, and on the west by the outside curb of Colorado Street; and

(4) other locations ~~[under the jurisdiction of the capitol police district]~~ as may be approved by the commission ~~[director]~~.

1 SECTION 3. Section 411.062, Government Code, is amended by
2 amending Subsections (a), (d-1), and (f) and adding Subsection
3 (f-1) to read as follows:

4 (a) The department has primary responsibility for law
5 enforcement and security services within the boundaries of ~~on~~ the
6 Capitol Complex.

7 (d-1) The director shall adopt rules governing the use of
8 unmanned aircraft in the Capitol Complex. The rules adopted under
9 this subsection may:

10 (1) prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft in
11 designated areas of the Capitol Complex; or

12 (2) authorize limited use of unmanned aircraft in
13 designated areas of the Capitol Complex.

14 (f) The department and the City of Austin shall execute an
15 interlocal cooperation agreement that defines the respective
16 responsibilities of the department and the city for traffic and
17 parking enforcement, public safety, and general law enforcement
18 ~~security~~ in the Capitol Complex, including private property
19 within the boundaries of the complex. The city shall exercise the
20 responsibilities designated to it in the agreement subject to the
21 direction and supervision of the department.

22 (f-1) The agreement must include a formula for calculating
23 the department's annual cost of providing law enforcement and
24 public safety services in the Capitol Complex. Not later than the
25 30th business day after the last day of each state fiscal year, the
26 department shall use the formula to calculate the department's cost
27 for the preceding state fiscal year and report the cost to the

1 comptroller.

2 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 321, Tax Code, is amended
3 by adding Section 321.5027 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 321.5027. DISTRIBUTION OF TRUST FUNDS FOR CERTAIN
5 SERVICES IN CAPITOL COMPLEX. Notwithstanding Section 321.502, the
6 comptroller may send to the City of Austin the city's share of taxes
7 collected by the comptroller under this chapter during a state
8 fiscal year only after the comptroller deducts the amount reported
9 to the comptroller by the Department of Public Safety under Section
10 411.062(f-1), Government Code, and credits that deducted amount to
11 the general revenue fund. Money credited to the general revenue
12 fund under this subsection may be appropriated only to the
13 Department of Public Safety.

14 SECTION 5. Not later than the 90th day after the effective
15 date of this Act, the Department of Public Safety and the City of
16 Austin shall amend the agreement required by Section 411.062,
17 Government Code, as amended by this Act, as necessary to comply with
18 this Act.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.