

Amend CSHB 2425 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering existing SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION ____ . Section 403.016(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f)(1) Except as provided by Subdivisions [~~Subdivision~~] (2) and (4) and subject to any limitation in rules adopted by the comptroller, an automated clearinghouse, or the federal government, the comptroller may use the electronic funds transfer system to deposit payments only to one or more accounts of a payee at one or more financial institutions, including credit unions.

(2) The comptroller may also use the electronic funds transfer system to deposit a portion of an employee's gross pay into the employee's account at a credit union as prescribed by Subchapter G, Chapter 659.

(3) A single electronic funds transfer may contain payments to multiple payees. Individual transfers or warrants are not required for each payee.

(4) The comptroller may also use the electronic funds transfer system to deposit a portion of an employee's gross pay into an account of an eligible state employee organization for a membership as prescribed by Subchapter G, Chapter 659.

SECTION ____ . Subchapter G, Chapter 659, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 659.1031 to read as follows:

Sec. 659.1031. DEDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS. (a) An employee of a state agency may authorize in writing a deduction each pay period from the employee's salary or wage payment for payment to an eligible state employee organization of a membership fee in the organization.

(b) In this section, "eligible state employee organization" means a state employee organization with a membership of at least 2,000 active or retired state employees who hold or who have held certification from the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

SECTION ____ . Section 659.104(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An authorization for a deduction under this subchapter

must direct the comptroller or, if applicable, the appropriate financial officer of an institution of higher education to transfer the withheld funds to the program, eligible state employee organization, or credit union designated by the employee.

SECTION ____ . Section 659.110 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 659.110. RULES. The comptroller may establish procedures and adopt rules to administer the credit union and the eligible state employee organization membership fee deduction programs [~~program~~] authorized by this subchapter.