

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law prohibits political subdivisions and agencies of this state from maintaining a system of traffic ticket quotas, whereby an officer is required to issue a certain number of citations. It is possible for a governmental body to circumvent the prohibition on quotas, by evaluating the officer based on the number of traffic stops, "contacts," or arrests made involving the enforcement of traffic laws. C.S.S.B. 1248 extends the prohibition on quotas to include arrests for Penal Code offenses and to include quotas on "contacts" or traffic stops.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends [Chapter 720,] Transportation Code, by adding Section 720.0021, as follows:

Sec. 720.0021. PROHIBITION ON QUOTAS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY PEACE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE. (a) Prohibits an agency of this state from in any manner establishing or maintaining, formally or informally, a plan to evaluate in any manner, promote, or discipline a peace officer according to certain criteria.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.