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H.B. No. 2829

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to supplemental pay for certain Department of Public Safety officers who are proficient in a second language.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 411.016, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.016. SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR OVERTIME HOURS WORKED OR PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.0161 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.0161. SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR PROFICIENCY IN SECOND LANGUAGE. (a) The department may pay a supplement not to exceed \$100 a month to an officer commissioned by the department who is proficient in both English and a second language if:

(1) the department determines that the second language is beneficial to protecting the public safety; and

(2) the commissioned officer is able to demonstrate proficiency in the second language by reading, writing, and demonstrating conversation skills in the second language as determined by the department.

(b) Supplemental pay under this section is in addition to an officer's regular salary.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.