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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 in the amount of
\$100 a month to an officer commissioned by the department who is
proficient in both English and a second language if:

(1) the second language is the predominant language
used in and around the area where the commissioned officer is
stationed to perform the officer's duties as a peace officer; 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.

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

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