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AN ACT

relating to performance review standards for peace officers in connection with the enforcement of traffic laws.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (f), Section 720.002, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A political subdivision or an agency of this state may not in any manner establish or maintain, formally or informally, a plan to evaluate in any manner, promote, compensate, or discipline:

(1) a peace officer according to the officer's:

(A) issuance or effectuation of a predetermined, [or] specified, or average number or percentage of any type or combination of types of traffic citations, traffic stops, or traffic contacts; or

(B) making a predetermined, specified, or average number or percentage of any type or combination of types of arrests while performing duty assignments involving the enforcement of traffic laws; or

(2) a justice of the peace or a judge of a county court, statutory county court, municipal court, or municipal court of record according to the amount of money the justice or judge collects from persons convicted of a traffic offense.

(f) In this section:

(1) "Traffic contacts" includes any interaction

1 between a peace officer and a person involving the enforcement of
2 traffic laws.

3 (2) "Conviction" means the rendition of an order by a
4 court imposing a punishment of incarceration or a fine.

5 (3) [~~(2)~~] "Traffic offense" means an offense under:

6 (A) Chapter 521; or

7 (B) Subtitle C.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.