

Amend CSSB 6 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 1 of the bill:

SECTION 1.\_\_\_\_. STUDY OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES CERTIFICATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS. (a) In this section, "peace officer" means a person elected, employed, or appointed as a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law.

(b) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall study the feasibility of issuing certificates of professional achievement or proficiency to peace officers who receive specialized training for law enforcement assignments related to child protective services or adult protective services. The commission must consider:

(1) the need for specialized training of peace officers who work with issues related to child protective services or adult protective services;

(2) the feasibility of creating and administering the proposed certification;

(3) potential incentives, including financial incentives, that may encourage peace officers to obtain the certification; and

(4) the development of required training for the certification that will address the legal, social, and operational issues that peace officers are likely to encounter when working with children or aging persons.

(c) In conducting the study, the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall seek the participation of:

(1) state agency employees and peace officers who currently work with issues related to child protective services and adult protective services;

(2) community advocates for children and aging persons; and

(3) other interested persons.

(d) Not later than September 1, 2006, the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall submit to the legislature a report regarding the results of the study conducted

under this section.