

AN ACT

relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of campus peace officers commissioned by The University of Texas at Austin and law enforcement agencies of the state and political subdivisions of the state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 67, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 67.03 to read as follows:

Sec. 67.03. CAMPUS PEACE OFFICERS: CONCURRENT JURISDICTION. (a) Campus peace officers commissioned by the university have the same jurisdiction, powers, privileges, and immunities as provided by Section 51.203.

(b) Subsection (a) does not in any manner limit or reduce the jurisdiction, powers, privileges, and immunities provided by law for a law enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state, including the City of Austin police department, with territorial jurisdiction that includes all or part of the university campus. The law enforcement agency retains the autonomous authority to deploy agency personnel on university property and in university facilities in any manner consistent with the jurisdiction, powers, privileges, and immunities of the agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 479 was passed by the House on March 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 479 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor