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H.B. No. 479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of campus peace officers
3 commissioned by The University of Texas at Austin and law
4 enforcement agencies of the state and political subdivisions of the
5 state.

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 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.