

1-1 By: Keel (Senate Sponsor - Barrientos) H.B. No. 479
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 29, 2005;
1-3 March 30, 2005, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Higher Education; May 3, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on
1-5 Education; May 16, 2005, reported favorably from Committee on
1-6 Education by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2005,
1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of campus peace officers
1-11 commissioned by The University of Texas at Austin and law
1-12 enforcement agencies of the state and political subdivisions of the
1-13 state.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 67, Education Code, is
1-16 amended by adding Section 67.03 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 67.03. CAMPUS PEACE OFFICERS: CONCURRENT
1-18 JURISDICTION. (a) Campus peace officers commissioned by the
1-19 university have the same jurisdiction, powers, privileges, and
1-20 immunities as provided by Section 51.203.

1-21 (b) Subsection (a) does not in any manner limit or reduce
1-22 the jurisdiction, powers, privileges, and immunities provided by
1-23 law for a law enforcement agency of the state or a political
1-24 subdivision of the state, including the City of Austin police
1-25 department, with territorial jurisdiction that includes all or part
1-26 of the university campus. The law enforcement agency retains the
1-27 autonomous authority to deploy agency personnel on university
1-28 property and in university facilities in any manner consistent with
1-29 the jurisdiction, powers, privileges, and immunities of the agency.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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