

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law does not require law enforcement agencies to report how they have spent the law enforcement officer standards and education funds that they have been allotted for a particular year.

C.S.S.B. 503 requires law enforcement agencies to detail their expenditure of law enforcement standards and education funds allotted in the prior year in order to qualify for such funding in subsequent years. The bill also requires these agencies to report the number of licensed peace officers they are authorized to have work 32 hours a week or more, the number of those positions that are filled, the percentage of allotted funds used, the number of training hours received through the use of those funds, and the agency's compliance with all funding laws.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 1701.157(a) and (b), Occupations Code, as follows:

(a) Reallocates money allocated by the comptroller of public accounts (comptroller) for expenses related to the continuing education of persons licensed under this chapter to local law enforcement agencies that are eligible under Subsection (b), rather than all local law enforcement agencies in this state.

(b) Requires a local law enforcement agency to report to the comptroller not later than November 1 of the preceding calendar year certain information to be eligible for an allocation of money under Subsection (a). Sets forth the required content of that report.

SECTION 2. Provides that the changes in law made by this Act to Section 1701.157, Occupations Code, apply to allocations made on or after January 1, 2008, for expenses incurred by local law enforcement agencies during calendar year 2007.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.