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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Chapter 142, Local Government Code, authorizes a municipality to adopt "meet and confer" rights for its police officers if the municipality has a population of 50,000 or more or has adopted Chapter 143 (Municipal Civil Service for Fire Fighters and Police Officers), but this law excluded certain municipalities that had adopted collective bargaining, including San Antonio. However, collective bargaining in San Antonio does not apply to park and airport police officers, leaving these officers with no method of negotiation.

As proposed, S.B. 772 amends the applicability section of Subchapter B (Local Control of Police Officer Employment Matters in Certain Municipalities), Chapter 142 (Assistance, Benefits, and Working Conditions of Municipal Officers and Employees), Local Government Code, to cover municipalities that have adopted Chapter 174 (Fire and Police Employee Relations), but not police officers covered by a collective bargaining agreement adopted under Chapter 174.

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 Section 142.051(b), Local Government Code, to provide that this subchapter (regarding general provisions relating to assistance, benefits, and working conditions of municipal officers and employees) does not apply to a police officer who is covered by a collective bargaining agreement adopted under Chapter 174 (Fire and Police Employee Relations) or an agreement adopted under Subchapter H, I, or J, Chapter 143 (regarding fire fighter and police officer employment matters in certain municipalities), rather than a municipality that has adopted Chapter 174 or is covered by Subchapter H, I, or J, Chapter 143. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.