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H.B. No. 907

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the enforcement of federal immigration and customs laws
3 by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 421, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 421.902 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 421.902. IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. (a) Subject to
8 approval by the governor, the public safety director of the
9 Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas shall enter into
10 an agreement with the United States Office of the Attorney General
11 or other appropriate federal agency relating to the state's
12 enforcement of federal immigration and customs laws in this state,
13 including detentions, removals, and investigations.

14 (b) The public safety director of the Department of Public
15 Safety of the State of Texas shall designate appropriate peace
16 officers to be trained in accordance with the agreement described
17 by Subsection (a). A peace officer certified as trained in
18 accordance with the agreement is authorized to enforce federal
19 immigration and customs laws within the scope of the officer's
20 authorized duties.

21 (c) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas
22 shall ensure that the training described by Subsection (b) is
23 financed using federal money received under the Department of
24 Homeland Security Appropriations Act or other federal law.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.