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H.B. No. 1424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an appropriation to the Department of Public Safety for
3 the purpose of administering and supporting certain databases and
4 clearinghouses related to missing persons and children.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) In addition to other amounts appropriated to
7 the Department of Public Safety for all or part of the state fiscal
8 biennium ending August 31, 2009, the amount of \$1.25 million is
9 appropriated out of the general revenue fund to the Department of
10 Public Safety for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2008, and
11 the amount of \$1.25 million is appropriated out of the general
12 revenue fund to the Department of Public Safety for the state fiscal
13 year ending August 31, 2009, for the purpose of administering and
14 supporting:

15 (1) the University of North Texas Health Science
16 Center at Fort Worth Missing Persons DNA Database established under
17 Subchapter B, Chapter 63, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

18 (2) the missing children and missing persons
19 information clearinghouse established within the department under
20 Subchapter A, Chapter 63, Code of Criminal Procedure.

21 (b) Of the amount appropriated under Subsection (a) of this
22 section for each state fiscal year:

23 (1) \$825,000 may be used by the Department of Public
24 Safety only to make payments under an interagency contract with the

1 University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth for
2 use by the health science center to administer the database
3 described by Subsection (a)(1) of this section; and

4 (2) the remaining \$425,000 may be used by the
5 department only to:

6 (A) pay department expenses associated with the
7 database described by Subsection (a)(1) of this section; and

8 (B) administer the clearinghouse described by
9 Subsection (a)(2) of this section.

10 (c) In addition to the number of full-time equivalent
11 employees (FTEs) the Department of Public Safety is authorized by
12 other law to employ during the following periods, the department
13 may employ:

14 (1) an additional five FTEs during the state fiscal
15 year ending August 31, 2008; and

16 (2) an additional five FTEs during the state fiscal
17 year ending August 31, 2009.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.