

By: Escobar

H.B. No. 2155

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2155:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2155

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the use of grant money received from the criminal  
3 justice division of the governor's office.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 772.006, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

7 (d) A grant awarded under 42 U.S.C. Section 3751 and  
8 allocated to a law enforcement agency, drug task force, or other  
9 entity under this section must be used strictly for a purpose  
10 authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 3751.

11 (e) A grant awarded under 42 U.S.C. Section 3751 or from a  
12 state or federal homeland security funding source, including state  
13 general revenue funds appropriated for purposes of homeland  
14 security, may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment,  
15 supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, or  
16 information systems to a law enforcement or other program  
17 established to reduce crime related to drugs or terrorism, violent  
18 or organized crime, or official corruption occurring in one or more  
19 counties adjacent to the international border of this state. The  
20 division shall prioritize the allocation of the grant money for the  
21 border law enforcement purposes described by this subsection.

22 (f) The criminal justice division may award a grant under  
23 this section to a law enforcement agency, drug task force, or other  
24 entity for use by the entity in reducing crime related to drugs or

1 terrorism, violent or organized crime, or official corruption  
2 occurring in one or more counties adjacent to the international  
3 border of this state. The division may contract with the grant  
4 recipient to ensure that the grant will be used for the purposes  
5 described by this subsection. The contract must require:

6 (1) the border law enforcement operations of the grant  
7 recipient to be under the command and control of the director of the  
8 Department of Public Safety; and

9 (2) a grant recipient to report to the Department of  
10 Public Safety, in accordance with the rules of that department,  
11 information regarding the effectiveness of the grant recipient's  
12 border law enforcement operations in achieving the purposes  
13 described by this subsection.

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