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H.B. No. 2155

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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) and (e) 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, including the provision of
11 additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support,
12 training, technical assistance, or information systems to a law
13 enforcement or other program established to reduce crime related to
14 drugs or terrorism, violent or organized crime, or official
15 corruption occurring in one or more counties adjacent to the
16 international border of this state. The division shall prioritize
17 the allocation of the federal grant money for the border law
18 enforcement purposes described by this subsection.

19 (e) The criminal justice division may award a grant under
20 this section to a law enforcement agency, drug task force, or other
21 entity for use by the entity in reducing crime related to drugs or
22 terrorism, violent or organized crime, or official corruption
23 occurring in one or more counties adjacent to the international
24 border of this state. The division may contract with the grant

1 recipient to ensure that the grant will be used for the purposes
2 described by this subsection. The contract must require:

3 (1) the border law enforcement operations of the grant
4 recipient to be under the command and control of the director of the
5 Department of Public Safety; and

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

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