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H.B. No. 2499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a salary career ladder for correctional officers.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 493.0072 to read as follows:

Sec. 493.0072. SALARY CAREER LADDER FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS. (a) The executive director shall adopt a salary career ladder for correctional officers. The salary career ladder must base a correctional officer's salary on the officer's classification and years of service with the department.

(b) For purposes of the salary schedule, the department shall classify all correctional officer positions as Correctional Officer I, Correctional Officer II, Correctional Officer III, Correctional Officer IV, Correctional Officer V, or Correctional Officer VI.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, but not later than the 30th day after that date, the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall adopt a salary career ladder for correctional officers as required by Section 493.0072, Government Code, as added by this Act. Beginning the first day of the month following the date on which the executive director adopts the salary career ladder, each correctional officer to whom the schedule applies is entitled to a salary in an amount that meets or exceeds the amount specified in

1 the schedule for the officer's classification and years of service  
2 with the department.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.