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H.B. No. 3307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for the continuing education of certain peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1701.157(a) and (b), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than March 1 of each calendar year, the comptroller shall allocate money deposited during the preceding calendar year in the general revenue fund to the credit of the law enforcement officer standards and education fund account for expenses related to the continuing education of persons licensed under this chapter as follows:

(1) 20 percent of the money is allocated to ~~all~~ local law enforcement agencies in this state that meet the eligibility requirements described by Subsection (b) in equal shares; and

(2) 80 percent of the money is allocated to ~~all~~ local law enforcement agencies in this state that meet the eligibility requirements described by Subsection (b) in a share representing a fixed amount for each position in the agency, as of January 1 of the preceding calendar year, that is reserved to a person who:

(A) is licensed under this chapter;

(B) works as a peace officer on the average of at least 32 hours a week; and

(C) is compensated by a political subdivision of

1 this state at least at the minimum wage and is entitled to all
2 employee benefits offered to a peace officer by the political
3 subdivision.

4 (b) To be eligible for an allocation of money under
5 Subsection (a), a [~~Not later than November 1 of each calendar year,~~
6 ~~each~~] local law enforcement agency must [~~shall~~] report to the
7 comptroller not later than November 1 of the preceding calendar
8 year:

9 (1) the number of agency positions described by
10 Subsection (a)(2) reserved as of January 1 of the calendar [~~that~~]
11 year covered by the report;

12 (2) the number of agency positions described by
13 Subsection (a)(2) filled as of January 1 of the calendar year
14 covered by the report;

15 (3) the percentage of any money received by the agency
16 under Subsection (a) in the calendar year preceding the calendar
17 year covered by the report that was used by the agency during the
18 calendar year preceding the calendar year covered by the report;

19 (4) the number of training hours received through the
20 use of any money received by the agency under Subsection (a) in the
21 calendar year preceding the calendar year covered by the report;
22 and

23 (5) that the agency has complied with all applicable
24 laws regarding the use of any money received by the agency under
25 Subsection (a) in the calendar year preceding the calendar year
26 covered by the report.

27 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section

1 1701.157, Occupations Code, apply to allocations made on or after
2 January 1, 2008, for expenses incurred by local law enforcement
3 agencies during calendar year 2007.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.