

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 503
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1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 503 By: Hegar

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to funding for the continuing education of certain peace
1-12 officers.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 1701.157,
1-15 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-16 (a) Not later than March 1 of each calendar year, the
1-17 comptroller shall allocate money deposited during the preceding
1-18 calendar year in the general revenue fund to the credit of the law
1-19 enforcement officer standards and education fund account for
1-20 expenses related to the continuing education of persons licensed
1-21 under this chapter as follows:

1-22 (1) 20 percent of the money is allocated to ~~[all]~~ local
1-23 law enforcement agencies in this state that meet the eligibility
1-24 requirements described by Subsection (b) in equal shares; and

1-25 (2) 80 percent of the money is allocated to ~~[all]~~ local
1-26 law enforcement agencies in this state that meet the eligibility
1-27 requirements described by Subsection (b) in a share representing a
1-28 fixed amount for each position in the agency, as of January 1 of the
1-29 preceding calendar year, that is reserved to a person who:

1-30 (A) is licensed under this chapter;

1-31 (B) works as a peace officer on the average of at
1-32 least 32 hours a week; and

1-33 (C) is compensated by a political subdivision of
1-34 this state at least at the minimum wage and is entitled to all
1-35 employee benefits offered to a peace officer by the political
1-36 subdivision.

1-37 (b) To be eligible for an allocation of money under
1-38 Subsection (a), a ~~[Not later than November 1 of each calendar year,~~
1-39 ~~each]~~ local law enforcement agency must ~~[shall]~~ report to the
1-40 comptroller not later than November 1 of the preceding calendar
1-41 year:

1-42 (1) the number of agency positions described by
1-43 Subsection (a)(2) reserved as of January 1 of the calendar ~~[that]~~
1-44 year covered by the report;

1-45 (2) the number of agency positions described by
1-46 Subsection (a)(2) filled as of January 1 of the calendar year
1-47 covered by the report;

1-48 (3) the percentage of any money received by the agency
1-49 under Subsection (a) in the calendar year preceding the calendar
1-50 year covered by the report that was used by the agency during the
1-51 calendar year preceding the calendar year covered by the report;

1-52 (4) the number of training hours received through the
1-53 use of any money received by the agency under Subsection (a) in the
1-54 calendar year preceding the calendar year covered by the report;
1-55 and

1-56 (5) that the agency has complied with all applicable
1-57 laws regarding the use of any money received by the agency under
1-58 Subsection (a) in the calendar year preceding the calendar year
1-59 covered by the report.

1-60 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
1-61 1701.157, Occupations Code, apply to allocations made on or after
1-62 January 1, 2008, for expenses incurred by local law enforcement
1-63 agencies during calendar year 2007.

1-64 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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