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S.B. No. 601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants of appropriated money to certain peace officer organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. GRANTS TO PEACE OFFICER ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 614.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Appropriated money" means money appropriated by the legislature through the General Appropriations Act or other law.

(2) "Peace officer organization" means an association, group, union, lodge, local, or other organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, in which peace officers participate and that exists wholly or partly to deal with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages and rates of pay, hours of employment, and conditions of work.

(3) "State agency" means:

(A) a department, commission, board, office, or other entity in the executive branch of state government;

(B) the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, another entity in the judicial branch of state government with statewide authority, or a court of appeals; or

(C) a university system or an institution of

1 higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

2 Sec. 614.152. RESTRICTIONS ON GRANT-MAKING. A state agency  
3 may not use any money under the agency's control, including  
4 appropriated money, to make a grant or other distribution to a peace  
5 officer organization if:

6 (1) the organization or an employee of the  
7 organization is required to register under Chapter 305;

8 (2) the organization employs a person for the purpose  
9 of affecting the outcome of legislation, agency rules, ordinances,  
10 or other governmental policies; or

11 (3) the organization provides legal representation to  
12 its members.

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