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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a peace officer employment
opportunity Internet website by the Commission on Law Enforcement
Officer Standards and Education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
amended by adding Section 1701.162 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.162. PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) From money appropriated to the commission
for any purpose, the commission shall develop, maintain, and
promote a statewide employment Internet website to facilitate:

(1) public awareness of peace officer employment
opportunities with state and local law enforcement agencies; and

(2) an exchange of information between individuals
seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and
local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as
peace officers.

(b) The Internet website must:

(1) be accessible to members of the public; and
(2) provide to individuals seeking employment as peace
officers and state and local law enforcement agencies who have
posted employment opportunities on the website an organized means
of exchanging information.

(c) The commission shall:

(1) to the extent practicable, verify the accuracy of
information posted on the Internet website; and
(2) with the assistance of the Department of
Information Resources, ensure that data exchanged via the website
is secure.

(d) The commission shall charge a reasonable fee to a state
or local law enforcement agency that posts information on the
Internet website or uses the website in any other manner to exchange
information with an individual seeking employment as a peace
officer.

(e) In the absence of sufficient funding to maintain and
operate the Internet website, the commission may limit or
discontinue the commission's operation of the Internet website
under this section.

SECTION 2. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
Standards and Education shall develop, maintain, and promote the
peace officer employment opportunity Internet website as required
by Section 1701.162, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not
later than January 1, 2008.

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

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