

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2304
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Corrections
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Some Texas Department of Criminal Justice employees receive hazardous duty pay that is lower than that received by correctional officers. Correctional officers receive \$12 for each 12-month period of lifetime service credit accrued. Other employees receive \$10 for the same period of service.

S.B. 2304 amends current law relating to the amount of hazardous duty pay for certain employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 2304 amends the Government Code to provide that the amount of hazardous duty pay for a particular month for a full-time state employee, rather than full-time correctional officer, employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is \$12 for each 12-month period of lifetime service credit accrued by the employee, rather than the lesser of \$12 for each 12-month period of lifetime service credit accrued by the employee or \$300.

S.B. 2304 states that this Act does not make an appropriation. The bill also provides that a provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program, creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.