

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a peace officer employment opportunity Internet website by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.016. PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) In this section, "peace officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code.

(b) The commission shall develop, maintain, and promote a statewide employment opportunity 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.

(c) 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 that have posted employment opportunities on the website an organized means of exchanging information.

(d) The commission shall contract with the Commission on Law

1 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to develop a license  
2 verification interface to verify whether an applicant for  
3 employment as a peace officer:

4 (1) holds a current license issued by the Commission  
5 on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Chapter  
6 1701, Occupations Code, and, if so, the level of that license; and

7 (2) has had the applicant's license revoked or  
8 suspended by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards  
9 and Education.

10 (e) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and  
11 Education shall provide the commission with technical assistance in  
12 the development and testing of the license verification interface  
13 under Subsection (d).

14 (f) If the development and operation of the Internet website  
15 and the associated license verification interface is not possible  
16 due to a lack of available funding, the commission shall:

17 (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding with the  
18 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to  
19 integrate a peace officer job matching database for individuals  
20 seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and  
21 local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as  
22 peace officers into the commission's existing Labor Exchange  
23 System; and

24 (2) ensure that:

25 (A) the commission registers an Internet domain  
26 name that is unique and that identifies on its face the purpose of  
27 the peace officer job matching database; and

1                   (B) the registered domain name and associated  
2 link directs users of the Internet to a web page that instructs  
3 users on how to use the Labor Exchange System and includes a link to  
4 enter that system.

5           SECTION 2. This Act does not make an appropriation. A  
6 provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program,  
7 creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental  
8 entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the  
9 legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the  
10 provision.

11           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2580 was passed by the House on April 28, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2580 on May 23, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2580 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor