

1-1 By: Frost (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 2580
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 14, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 14, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2580 By: Seliger

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of a peace officer employment
1-11 opportunity Internet website by the Texas Workforce Commission.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 302.016 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 302.016. PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
1-16 INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) In this section, "peace officer" has the
1-17 meaning assigned by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code.

1-18 (b) The commission shall develop, maintain, and promote a
1-19 statewide employment opportunity Internet website to facilitate:

1-20 (1) public awareness of peace officer employment
1-21 opportunities with state and local law enforcement agencies; and

1-22 (2) an exchange of information between individuals
1-23 seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and
1-24 local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as
1-25 peace officers.

1-26 (c) The Internet website must:

1-27 (1) be accessible to members of the public; and

1-28 (2) provide to individuals seeking employment as peace
1-29 officers and state and local law enforcement agencies that have
1-30 posted employment opportunities on the website an organized means
1-31 of exchanging information.

1-32 (d) The commission shall contract with the Commission on Law
1-33 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to develop a license
1-34 verification interface to verify whether an applicant for
1-35 employment as a peace officer:

1-36 (1) holds a current license issued by the Commission
1-37 on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Chapter
1-38 1701, Occupations Code, and, if so, the level of that license; and

1-39 (2) has had the applicant's license revoked or
1-40 suspended by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards
1-41 and Education.

1-42 (e) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
1-43 Education shall provide the commission with technical assistance in
1-44 the development and testing of the license verification interface
1-45 under Subsection (d).

1-46 (f) If the development and operation of the Internet website
1-47 and the associated license verification interface is not possible
1-48 due to a lack of available funding, the commission shall:

1-49 (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
1-50 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to
1-51 integrate a peace officer job matching database for individuals
1-52 seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and
1-53 local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as
1-54 peace officers into the commission's existing Labor Exchange
1-55 System; and

1-56 (2) ensure that:

1-57 (A) the commission registers an Internet domain
1-58 name that is unique and that identifies on its face the purpose of
1-59 the peace officer job matching database; and

1-60 (B) the registered domain name and associated
1-61 link directs users of the Internet to a web page that instructs
1-62 users on how to use the Labor Exchange System and includes a link to
1-63 enter that system.

2-1 SECTION 2. This Act does not make an appropriation. A
2-2 provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program,
2-3 creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental
2-4 entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the
2-5 legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the
2-6 provision.

2-7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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