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H.B. No. 3334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cost of replacing a law enforcement officer during training on enforcement of immigration laws.

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

SECTION 1. Section 772.006(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governor shall establish a criminal justice division in the governor's office to:

(1) advise and assist the governor in developing policies, plans, programs, and proposed legislation for improving the coordination, administration, and effectiveness of the criminal justice system;

(2) administer the criminal justice planning fund;

(3) prepare a state comprehensive criminal justice plan, to update the plan annually based on an analysis of the state's criminal justice problems and needs, and to encourage identical or substantially similar local and regional comprehensive criminal justice planning efforts;

(4) establish goals, priorities, and standards for programs and projects to improve the administration of justice and the efficiency of law enforcement, the judicial system, prosecution, criminal defense, and adult and juvenile corrections and rehabilitation;

(5) award grants to state agencies, units of local

1 government, school districts, and private, nonprofit corporations
2 from the criminal justice planning fund for programs and projects
3 on consideration of the goals, priorities, and standards
4 recommended by the Criminal Justice Policy Council;

5 (6) apply for, obtain, and allocate for the purposes
6 of this section any federal or other funds which may be made
7 available for programs and projects that address the goals,
8 priorities, and standards established in local and regional
9 comprehensive criminal justice planning efforts or assist those
10 efforts;

11 (7) administer the funds provided by this section in
12 such a manner as to ensure that grants received under this section
13 do not supplant state or local funds;

14 (8) monitor and evaluate programs and projects funded
15 under this section, cooperate with and render technical assistance
16 to state agencies and local governments seeking to reduce crime or
17 enhance the performance and operation of the criminal justice
18 system, and collect from any state or local government entity
19 information, data, statistics, or other material necessary to carry
20 out the purposes of this section;

21 (9) submit a biennial report to the legislature
22 reporting the division's activities during the preceding biennium
23 including the comprehensive state criminal justice plans and other
24 studies, evaluations, crime data analyses, reports, or proposed
25 legislation that the governor determines appropriate or the
26 legislature requests; ~~and~~

27 (10) pay, on application by a unit of local

1 government, the cost incurred to replace a law enforcement officer
2 during the period that the law enforcement officer is receiving
3 training by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency,
4 or its successor agency, on the enforcement of federal immigration
5 law; and

6 (11) perform other duties as necessary to carry out
7 the duties listed in this subsection and adopt rules and procedures
8 as necessary.

9 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
10 772.006(a), Government Code, apply only to training that occurs on
11 or after the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.