

House Bill 2580
Senate Amendments
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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

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

(1) holds a current license issued by the Commission on

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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.

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Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and, if so, the level of that license; and

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

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

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

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

(2) ensure that:

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

(B) the registered domain name and associated link directs users of the Internet to a web page that instructs users on how to use the Labor Exchange System and

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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, 2010.

No equivalent provision.

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, 2009.

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includes a link to enter that system.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. This Act does not make an appropriation. 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.

Same as House version.

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