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H.B. No. 3001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of a school district peace officer.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 37.081(d), (e), and (f), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) A school district peace officer shall perform ~~administrative and~~ law enforcement duties for the school district ~~as determined by the board of trustees of the school district~~.

Those duties must include protecting:

(1) the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the peace officer; and

(2) the property of the school district.

(e) The board of trustees of the district shall determine the scope of the on-duty and off-duty law enforcement activities of school district peace officers. ~~[A school district must authorize in writing any off-duty law enforcement activities performed by a school district peace officer.]~~

(f) The chief of police of the school district police department shall be accountable to the superintendent and shall report to the superintendent ~~[or the superintendent's designee]~~.

School district police officers shall be supervised by the chief of police of the school district or the chief of police's designee.

The chief of police, the chief of police's designee, and each school district police officer must ~~[and shall]~~ be licensed by the

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1 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

2 SECTION 2. Section 37.081(h), Education Code, is repealed.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.