

AN ACT

relating to the use of proceeds from criminal asset forfeiture to provide college scholarships to children of peace officers killed in the line of duty and to an annual report regarding the total value of forfeited property in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Article 59.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (r) and (s) to read as follows:

(r) As a specific exception to Subsection (c)(2), (3), or (4), a law enforcement agency may transfer not more than 10 percent of the gross amount credited to the agency's fund to a separate special fund established in the treasury of the political subdivision or maintained by the state law enforcement agency, as applicable. The law enforcement agency shall administer the separate special fund. Interest received from the investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the fund. The agency may use money in the fund only to provide scholarships to children of peace officers who were employed by the agency or by another law enforcement agency with which the agency has overlapping geographic jurisdiction and who were killed in the line of duty. Scholarships under this subsection may be used only to pay the costs of attendance at an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education, including tuition and fees and costs for housing, books, supplies, transportation, and

1 other related personal expenses. In this subsection, "institution
2 of higher education" and "private or independent institution of
3 higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003,
4 Education Code.

5 (s) Not later than April 30 of each year, the attorney
6 general shall develop a report based on information submitted by
7 law enforcement agencies and attorneys representing the state under
8 Subsection (g) detailing the total amount of funds forfeited, or
9 credited after the sale of forfeited property, in this state in the
10 preceding calendar year. The attorney general shall maintain in a
11 prominent location on the attorney general's publicly accessible
12 Internet website a link to the most recent annual report developed
13 under this subsection.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 530 was passed by the House on May 11, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 9, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 530 on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 17, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 530 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor