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H.B. No. 1916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of certain local traffic laws on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.203(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Within a peace officer's primary jurisdiction, a peace officer commissioned under this section:

(1) is vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers;

(2) may, in accordance with Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure, arrest without a warrant any person who violates a law of the state; and

(3) may enforce all traffic laws on streets and highways, including a municipal traffic ordinance relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. Section 51.212(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing boards of private institutions of higher education, including private junior colleges, are authorized to employ and commission peace officers for the purpose of enforcing:

(1) with respect to ~~[state law on]~~ the campuses of private institutions of higher education:

1 (A) state law; and
2 (B) a municipal traffic ordinance relating to the
3 use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor
4 vehicle; and

5 (2) state and local law, including applicable
6 municipal ordinances, at other locations, as permitted by
7 Subsection (b) or Section [51.2125](#).

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.