

By: Burton  
(Fletcher)

S.B. No. 1529

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1529:

By: Phillips

C.S.S.B. No. 1529

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation and regulation of a law enforcement agency  
or police department.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.163, Occupations Code, is amended  
by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The entity may not begin operation of the law  
enforcement agency or police department unless:

(1) the entity submits all of the information required  
under Subsection (b) to the commission; and

(2) the commission issues the entity an agency number  
for the law enforcement agency or police department.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
amended by adding Section 1701.1631 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.1631. SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN  
AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS. The commission may suspend the operations  
of a law enforcement agency or police department described by  
Section 1701.163 if the entity creating the law enforcement agency  
or police department:

(1) cannot demonstrate an ongoing need for the law  
enforcement agency or police department in the community;

(2) does not maintain or provide adequate physical  
facilities for the law enforcement agency or police department,  
including an adequate evidence room, dispatch area, and public

1 area;

2 (3) does not maintain or enforce adequate law  
3 enforcement policies for the law enforcement agency or police  
4 department, including policies on:

5 (A) use of force;

6 (B) vehicle pursuit;

7 (C) professional conduct of officers;

8 (D) domestic abuse protocols;

9 (E) response to missing persons;

10 (F) supervision of part-time officers; and

11 (G) impartial policing;

12 (4) does not have an effective administrative  
13 structure for the law enforcement agency or police department; or

14 (5) does not maintain adequate liability insurance for  
15 the law enforcement agency or police department.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.