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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 421 |
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| Homeland Security & Public Safety |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that the Private Security Act restricts a place of religious worship from creating a volunteer security patrol without meeting stringent licensing requirements. These parties note that providing security services without the required licenses may subject a place of religious worship and its volunteers to a fine. C.S.H.B. 421 attempts to address these concerns by exempting volunteers providing security services at a place of religious worship from the Private Security Act. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  C.S.H.B. 421 amends the Occupations Code to exempt a person who is providing volunteer security services on the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship from the Private Security Act. The bill prohibits such a person from wearing a uniform or badge that contains the word "security" or that gives the person the appearance of being a peace officer, personal protection officer, or security officer. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |
| **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**  While C.S.H.B. 421 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill. |
| | INTRODUCED | HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE | | --- | --- | | SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1702.333 to read as follows:  Sec. 1702.333. PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP; CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS.  This chapter does not apply to a person who is providing volunteer security services on the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship. | SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1702.333 to read as follows:  Sec. 1702.333. PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP; CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS. (a) In this section, "volunteer security services" means services or activities that are:  (1) regulated under this chapter; and  (2) provided without compensation or remuneration.  (b) This chapter does not apply to a person who is providing volunteer security services on the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship.  (c) While providing volunteer security services under Subsection (b), a person may not wear a uniform or badge that:  (1) contains the word "security"; or  (2) gives the person the appearance of being a peace officer, personal protection officer, or security officer. | | SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. | SECTION 2. Same as introduced version. | |