

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Certain state death benefits provided to survivors of certain law enforcement officers are not available to survivors of peace officers employed by private institutions of higher education.

H.B. 1526 amends the Government Code to expand the applicability of statutory provisions relating to financial assistance administered by the Employees Retirement System of Texas and available for survivors of certain law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and other public officers to include eligible survivors of an individual employed as a peace officer by a private institution of higher education, including a private junior college, that is located in Texas.

H.B. 1526 amends current law relating to the provision of state death benefits to peace officers employed by certain private institutions of higher education located in this state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 615.003, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 615.003. APPLICABILITY. Provides that this chapter (Financial Assistance to Survivors of Certain Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters, and Others) applies only to eligible survivors of, among certain other individuals, an individual employed as a peace officer by a private institution of higher education, including a private junior college, that is located in this state under Section 51.212 (Peace Officers at Private Institutions), Education Code. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.