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H.B. No. 3239

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a grant program to assist law enforcement agencies with the purchase of bulletproof vests.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 772.0073 to read as follows:

Sec. 772.0073. BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "criminal justice division" means the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006.

(b) The criminal justice division shall establish and administer a grant program to provide financial assistance to a law enforcement agency seeking to equip its peace officers with bulletproof vests. Any law enforcement agency in this state may apply for a grant under this section.

(c) An agency receiving a grant under this section must, as soon as practicable after receiving the grant, provide to the criminal justice division proof of purchase of bulletproof vests, including the price of each vest and the number of vests purchased.

(d) Not later than December 1 of each year, the criminal justice division shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board reporting the following information for the preceding state fiscal year:

(1) the name of each agency that applied for a grant under this section;

1 (2) the amount of money distributed to each agency
2 that received a grant under this section; and

3 (3) the number of vests purchased by each agency
4 described by Subdivision (2).

5 (e) The criminal justice division may use any revenue
6 available for purposes of this section.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.