

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1009, passed by the 83rd Legislature, allows public school districts and open enrollment charter schools to appoint school marshals. The 84th Legislature passed S.B. 386 to include public two year junior colleges in the list of institutions that can appoint school marshals. The 85th legislature passed H.B. 867, which allows private schools to appoint school marshals.

The sole purpose of a school marshal is to prevent the act of murder or serious bodily injury on school premises, and act only as defined by the written regulations adopted by the school board/governing body.

The idea of S.B. 193 is to aid school marshals with the costs of renewing, modifying, or seeking a duplicate license to carry a handgun for the purpose of being a school marshal.

This bill amends Chapter 411, Subchapter H of the Government Code to add Section 411.1954 to waive certain fees for school marshals. The bill requires that the department waive any fee required for the issuance of a duplicate, modified, or renewed license if the applicant for the license is already a valid school marshal and has gone through the administrative process to become one. The bill requires that the applicant submit the application, proof of active status as a school marshal, and their current valid licensure to carry.

As proposed, S.B. 193 amends current law relating to waiving the fee for the issuance of a duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun for school marshals.

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 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, by adding Section 411.1954, as follows:

Sec. 411.1954. WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES FOR SCHOOL MARSHALS. (a) Requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter (License to Carry a Handgun), to waive any fee required for the issuance of a duplicate, modified, or renewed license under this subchapter if the applicant for the license is currently appointed as a school marshal under Section 37.0811 (School Marshals: Public Schools), 37.0813 (School Marshals: Private Schools), or 51.220 (Public Junior College School Marshals), Education Code.

(b) Requires the applicant to submit with the application proof of active status as a school marshal and current licensure under Section 1701.260 (Training For Holders of License to Carry a Handgun; Certification of Eligibility For Appointment as School Marshal), Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.