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H.B. No. 3689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the office of the inspector general of the Texas
3 Juvenile Justice Department.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 659.303(a) and (d), Government Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The department may include hazardous duty pay in the
8 compensation paid to an individual for services rendered during a
9 month if the individual:

10 (1) has:

11 (A) routine direct contact with youth:

12 (i) ~~[(A)]~~ placed in a residential facility
13 of the department; or

14 (ii) ~~[(B)]~~ released under the department's
15 supervision; and

16 (B) ~~[(2) has]~~ completed at least 12 months of
17 lifetime service credit not later than the last day of the preceding
18 month; or

19 (2) is an investigator, inspector general, security
20 officer, or apprehension specialist employed by the office of the
21 inspector general of the department.

22 (d) Except for the inclusion of hazardous duty pay in the
23 compensation paid to an individual described by Subsection (a)(2),
24 the ~~[The]~~ department may not pay hazardous duty pay:

1 (1) from funds authorized for payment of an
2 across-the-board employee salary increase; or

3 (2) to an employee who works at the department's
4 central office.

5 SECTION 2. Section 242.102(a), Human Resources Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The office of inspector general is established at the
8 department under the direction of the board as a law enforcement
9 agency for the purpose of [~~investigating~~]:

10 (1) preventing and investigating:

11 (A) crimes committed by department employees,
12 including parole officers employed by or under a contract with the
13 department; and

14 (B) [~~(2)~~] crimes and delinquent conduct
15 committed at a facility operated by the department, a residential
16 facility operated by another entity under a contract with the
17 department, or any facility in which a child committed to the
18 custody of the department is housed or receives medical or mental
19 health treatment, including:

20 (i) unauthorized or illegal entry into a
21 department facility;

22 (ii) the introduction of contraband into a
23 department facility;

24 (iii) escape from a secure facility; and

25 (iv) organized criminal activity; and

26 (2) investigating complaints received under Section
27 203.010 involving allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of

1 children in juvenile justice programs or facilities.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.