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H.B. No. 3726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the use of the law enforcement officer standards and
3 education fund for continuing education expenses of law enforcement
4 personnel at private or independent institutions of higher
5 education.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 1701.157, Occupations Code, is amended
8 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
9 follows:

10 (a) Not later than March 1 of each calendar year, the
11 comptroller shall allocate money deposited during the preceding
12 calendar year in the general revenue fund to the credit of the law
13 enforcement officer standards and education fund account for
14 expenses related to the continuing education of persons licensed
15 under this chapter as follows:

16 (1) 20 percent of the money is allocated to all local
17 law enforcement agencies in this state in equal shares; and

18 (2) 80 percent of the money is allocated to all local
19 law enforcement agencies in this state in a share representing a
20 fixed amount for each position in the agency, as of January 1 of the
21 preceding calendar year, that is reserved to a person who:

22 (A) is licensed under this chapter;

23 (B) works as a peace officer or telecommunicator,
24 as defined by Section 1701.001, on the average of at least 32 hours

1 a week; and

2 (C) is compensated by a political subdivision of
3 this state or a private or independent institution of higher
4 education at least at the minimum wage and is entitled to all
5 employee benefits offered to a peace officer or telecommunicator,
6 as applicable, by the political subdivision or institution.

7 (f) In this section:

8 (1) "Local law enforcement agency" includes a law
9 enforcement agency of a private or independent institution of
10 higher education.

11 (2) "Private or independent institution of higher
12 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education
13 Code.

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