

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 2127
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 21, 2019, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
1-4 Security; April 11, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 3;
1-6 April 11, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Hall	X		
1-11	Johnson		X	
1-12	Lucio		X	
1-13	Menéndez		X	
1-14	Schwertner	X		
1-15	Seliger	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2127 By: Campbell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a border volunteer training program for peace officers
1-20 employed by local law enforcement agencies.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 411.02096 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 411.02096. BORDER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM;
1-25 COMMISSION. (a) The department, in coordination with local law
1-26 enforcement agencies, shall establish and administer a border
1-27 volunteer training program for peace officers employed by local law
1-28 enforcement agencies that will prepare the officers to:

1-29 (1) collaborate and cooperate with and assist any law
1-30 enforcement agency in the interdiction, investigation, and
1-31 prosecution of criminal activity in the Texas-Mexico border region;
1-32 and

1-33 (2) collaborate and cooperate with and assist district
1-34 attorneys, county attorneys, the border prosecution unit, and other
1-35 prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of allegations of
1-36 criminal activity in the Texas-Mexico border region.

1-37 (b) The training program under Subsection (a) must include:

1-38 (1) information on criminal activity occurring along
1-39 the Texas-Mexico border, including drug trafficking and
1-40 trafficking of persons and other activity carried out by cartels,
1-41 transnational gangs, and other groups engaged in organized criminal
1-42 activity;

1-43 (2) best practices for investigating and prosecuting
1-44 the criminal activity described by Subdivision (1) and securing the
1-45 Texas-Mexico border; and

1-46 (3) an overview of the department's operations at the
1-47 Texas-Mexico border, including any collaboration with the United
1-48 States Customs and Border Protection.

1-49 (c) If a peace officer described by Subsection (a)
1-50 successfully completes the training program under this section and
1-51 volunteers to assist the department and the United States Customs
1-52 and Border Protection with securing the Texas-Mexico border, the
1-53 department may:

1-54 (1) commission the officer as an officer of the
1-55 department; and

1-56 (2) deploy the officer to assist the department and,
1-57 as applicable, the United States Customs and Border Protection, in
1-58 securing the Texas-Mexico border.

1-59 (d) A commission under Subsection (c) expires as determined
1-60 by the department. The department is not required to comply with

2-1 Section 1701.303, Occupations Code, with respect to a peace officer
2-2 commissioned under Subsection (c).

2-3 (e) A volunteer peace officer deployed by the department
2-4 under Subsection (c) is not entitled to compensation for the
2-5 assistance provided.

2-6 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
2-7 amended by adding Section 1701.359 to read as follows:

2-8 Sec. 1701.359. BORDER VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM. The
2-9 commission may:

2-10 (1) recognize, or with the consent of the Department
2-11 of Public Safety administer, the border volunteer training program
2-12 established under Section 411.02096, Government Code, as a
2-13 continuing education program for officers; and

2-14 (2) credit an officer who successfully completes the
2-15 program described by Subdivision (1) with the appropriate number of
2-16 continuing education hours.

2-17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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