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S.B. No. 29

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishment of the immigration authority delegation training grant program for local law enforcement agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 424 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 424. IMMIGRATION

Sec. 424.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "training program" means a training program operated by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement for training local law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration law. The term includes the immigration authority delegation program and the immigration authority delegation refresher training program established under Section 287(g) of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Section 1357(g)).

Sec. 424.002. IMMIGRATION DELEGATION TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. (a) The office of the governor shall develop and maintain a grant program that awards grants for the expenses incurred by a local law enforcement agency related to the attendance of a law enforcement officer of the agency in a training program.

(b) A local law enforcement agency may apply to the office of the governor in the form and manner required by the office of the governor for a grant under the grant program established by this

1 section. To qualify for a grant, an applicant must:

2 (1) apply for preauthorization from the office of the
3 governor before the law enforcement officer attends the training
4 program; and

5 (2) demonstrate that the law enforcement officer who
6 will attend the training program:

7 (A) is primarily engaged in making arrests; and

8 (B) meets all of the United States Immigration
9 and Customs Enforcement officer selection requirements required to
10 attend the training program.

11 Sec. 424.003. GRANT AMOUNT. If the application for a grant
12 under the grant program established under this section is approved,
13 the office of the governor shall issue a grant to the applicant in
14 the amount of:

15 (1) the salary of the law enforcement officer for:

16 (A) four weeks, if the officer attends the basic
17 training course under the training program; or

18 (B) one week, if the officer attends the
19 refresher course under the training program;

20 (2) the costs incurred by the applicant because of the
21 officer's absence while the officer is attending the training
22 program, including overtime pay to another officer to fulfill the
23 duties of the absent officer; and

24 (3) other expenses the office of the governor
25 considers necessary for the participation in the training program.

26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
4 legislative session.