

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2191
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that the increased focus of law enforcement on certain safety initiatives hinders some police departments from enforcing commercial motor vehicle safety standards, which complicates local government efforts to maintain roadways. In order to help ensure these roadways remain safe for all traffic, there have been calls to allow certain peace officers in Burnet County to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards. H.B. 2191 seeks to address this issue by expanding the peace officers eligible to apply for this certification to include a sheriff or deputy sheriff of Burnet County.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2191 amends the Transportation Code to make eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards a sheriff or deputy sheriff of a county with a population of more than 40,000 and less than 300,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of 400,000 or more that borders the county in which the State Capitol is located.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.