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H.B. No. 3173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain peace officer hiring policies related to applicant credit history.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.008. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HIRING POLICIES RELATED TO CREDIT HISTORY. A law enforcement agency of a municipality or county may not adopt or enforce a hiring policy provision that:

(1) automatically disqualifies from consideration peace officer position applicants because of poor credit history; and

(2) considers credit history information about events that occurred more than five years before the date of application.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.