By:  Hefner H.B. No. 4906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority to obtain certain search warrants of certain peace officers for school districts, state institutions of higher education, and public technical institutes.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 18B.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (K) to read as follows:

(1)  "Authorized peace officer" means:

(A)  a sheriff or deputy sheriff;

(B)  a constable or deputy constable;

(C)  a marshal or police officer of a municipality;

(D)  a ranger or officer commissioned by the Public Safety Commission or the director of the department;

(E)  an investigator of a prosecutor's office;

(F)  a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(G)  a law enforcement officer commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(H)  an enforcement officer appointed by the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019, Government Code;

(I)  an investigator commissioned by the attorney general under Section 402.009, Government Code; [~~or~~]

(J)  a member of an arson investigating unit commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state; or

(K)  a sworn law enforcement officer, other than security personnel, commissioned under Section 37.081 or Section 51.203, Education Code.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.