By:  Flores S.B. No. 1237

(In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2023; March 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 3, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 0; April 3, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Huffman              X

Hinojosa             X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Flores               X

Hall                 X

Hancock              X

Hughes               X

Kolkhorst            X

Nichols              X

Paxton               X

Perry                X

Schwertner           X

West                 X

Whitmire             X

Zaffirini            X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1237 By:  Flores

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to compensation and leave for certain security officers or investigators commissioned as peace officers by the comptroller.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 403, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 403.03059 to read as follows:

Sec. 403.03059.  COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS. The comptroller shall ensure that a security officer or investigator commissioned as a peace officer by the comptroller is compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2.  Section 661.918(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  This section applies to a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by:

(1)  the Public Safety Commission and the director of the Department of Public Safety;

(2)  the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(3)  the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(4)  the attorney general; [~~or~~]

(5)  the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department of Insurance; or

(6)  the comptroller.

SECTION 3. (a) The classification officer in the office of the state auditor shall classify the position of commissioned peace officer employed by the comptroller of public accounts of the State of Texas as a Schedule C position under the position classification plan maintained under Chapter 654, Government Code.

(b)  The change made by the classification officer as required by this section applies beginning with the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

(c)  This section expires September 1, 2025.

SECTION 4.  Section 661.918(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an injury that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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