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S.B. No. 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the commissioning of peace officers by certain parochial schools in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0818 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0818. PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PEACE OFFICERS. (a) In this section, "parochial school" means a private school that is operated by a religious organization and provides students with religious instruction as part of the school's curriculum.

(b) This section applies only to a parochial school that is:

(1) located in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more; and

(2) operated by a religious organization with at least 50,000 members.

(c) The governing body of a parochial school to which this section applies may commission peace officers to enforce state and local law on a campus of the school.

(d) The duties of a peace officer commissioned by a parochial school under this section shall include protecting:

(1) the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the officer; and

(2) the property of the school.

(e) A peace officer commissioned by a parochial school under

1 this section must meet all minimum standards for peace officers  
2 established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

3 SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace  
6 officers:

7 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve  
8 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under  
9 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

10 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve  
11 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued  
12 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

13 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated  
14 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers  
15 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter  
16 1701, Occupations Code;

17 (4) rangers, officers, and members of the reserve  
18 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the  
19 Director of the Department of Public Safety;

20 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
21 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

22 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic  
23 Beverage Commission;

24 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit  
25 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

26 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081 or  
27 37.0818, Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education

1 Code;

2 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
3 Commission;

4 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
5 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

6 (11) officers commissioned under Chapter 23,  
7 Transportation Code;

8 (12) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and  
9 security officers;

10 (13) security officers and investigators commissioned  
11 as peace officers by the comptroller;

12 (14) officers commissioned by a water control and  
13 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

14 (15) officers commissioned by a board of trustees  
15 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

16 (16) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical  
17 Board;

18 (17) officers commissioned by:

19 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
20 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar  
21 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District  
22 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

23 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
24 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local  
25 Laws Code;

26 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County  
27 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,

1 Special District Local Laws Code; and

2 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock  
3 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section  
4 [1053.113](#), Special District Local Laws Code;

5 (18) county park rangers commissioned under  
6 Subchapter [E](#), Chapter [351](#), Local Government Code;

7 (19) investigators employed by the Texas Racing  
8 Commission;

9 (20) officers commissioned under Chapter [554](#),  
10 Occupations Code;

11 (21) officers commissioned by the governing body of a  
12 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section [451.108](#),  
13 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority  
14 under Section [452.110](#), Transportation Code;

15 (22) investigators commissioned by the attorney  
16 general under Section [402.009](#), Government Code;

17 (23) security officers and investigators commissioned  
18 as peace officers under Chapter [466](#), Government Code;

19 (24) officers appointed by an appellate court under  
20 Subchapter [F](#), Chapter [53](#), Government Code;

21 (25) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal  
22 under Chapter [417](#), Government Code;

23 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
24 of insurance under Section [701.104](#), Insurance Code;

25 (27) apprehension specialists and inspectors general  
26 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers  
27 under Sections [242.102](#) and [243.052](#), Human Resources Code;

1           (28) officers appointed by the inspector general of  
2 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,  
3 Government Code;

4           (29) investigators commissioned by the Texas  
5 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations  
6 Code;

7           (30) commission investigators commissioned by the  
8 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061, Occupations  
9 Code;

10           (31) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or  
11 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under  
12 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

13           (32) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
14 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject  
15 to the limitations imposed by that section;

16           (33) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile  
17 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human  
18 Resources Code; and

19           (34) the fire marshal and any related officers,  
20 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under  
21 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.

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