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H.B. No. 2217

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing a grant program to equip motor vehicles used by peace officers with certain bullet-resistant components.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 772.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 772.013. GRANT PROGRAM TO EQUIP VEHICLES USED BY PEACE OFFICERS WITH BULLET-RESISTANT COMPONENTS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal justice division established under Section 772.006.

(2) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of the state or an agency of a political subdivision of the state that is authorized by law to employ peace officers.

(3) "Peace officer" means an individual elected, appointed, or employed to serve as a peace officer for a governmental entity under Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law.

(b) The criminal justice division shall establish and administer a grant program to provide financial assistance to a law enforcement agency to purchase and install motor vehicles used by peace officers of the law enforcement agency in discharging the officers' official duties with bullet-resistant windshields, side windows, rear windows, and door panels.

(c) The criminal justice division shall establish:

1           (1) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;  
2           (2) grant application procedures;  
3           (3) guidelines relating to grant amounts;  
4           (4) procedures for evaluating grant applications; and  
5           (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant  
6 awarded under the program and ensuring compliance with any  
7 conditions of a grant.

8           (d) A law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this  
9 section must, as soon as practicable after spending the grant  
10 money, provide to the criminal justice division proof of purchase  
11 and installation, as applicable, of bullet-resistant windshields,  
12 side windows, rear windows, or door panels.

13           (e) The criminal justice division may use any available  
14 money to implement this section.

15           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.