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H.B. No. 3033

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program for nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the Department of Public Safety; authorizing voluntary contributions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.012. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR GRANT PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate under this chapter, the person may contribute \$3 or more to the grant program for nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the Department of Public Safety established under Section 411.013, Government Code.

(b) The department shall:

(1) include space on the first page of each application for an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate that allows a person applying for an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the grant program; and

(2) provide an opportunity for the person to contribute to the grant program during the application process for

an original or renewal driver's license or personal identification certificate on the department's Internet website.

(c) The department shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the Department of Public Safety account established under Section 411.013, Government Code, not later than the 14th day of each month. Before sending the money to the comptroller, the department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable expenses for administering this section.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 522, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 522.0297 to read as follows:

Sec. 522.0297. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR GRANT PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal commercial driver's license under this chapter, the person may contribute \$3 or more to the grant program for nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the Department of Public Safety established under Section 411.013, Government Code.

(b) The department shall:

(1) include space on the first page of each application for an original or renewal commercial driver's license that allows a person applying for an original or renewal commercial driver's license to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the grant program; and

(2) provide an opportunity for the person to contribute to the grant program during the application process for

1 an original or renewal commercial driver's license on the
2 department's Internet website.

3 (c) The department shall send any contribution made under
4 this section to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the
5 nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the Department of
6 Public Safety account established under Section 411.013,
7 Government Code, not later than the 14th day of each month. Before
8 sending the money to the comptroller, the department may deduct
9 money equal to the amount of reasonable expenses for administering
10 this section.

11 SECTION 3. Section 411.013, Government Code, is amended by
12 adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

13 (d) The department shall establish and administer a grant
14 program for and shall disburse funds to nonprofit organizations
15 that provide support to employees of the department, including
16 support for family members of employees of the department who have
17 been killed or injured in the line of duty.

18 (e) Grant funds may be used only for:

19 (1) providing assistance and support to:

20 (A) employees of the department; or

21 (B) family members of employees of the department
22 who have been killed or injured in the line of duty; or

23 (2) memorial signs for employees of the department who
24 have been killed in the line of duty.

25 (f) The department shall establish:

26 (1) grant application procedures;

27 (2) guidelines relating to grant amounts; and

1 (3) criteria for evaluating grant applications.

2 (g) The nonprofit organizations supporting employees of the
3 Department of Public Safety account is created as a dedicated
4 account in the general revenue fund of the state treasury. Money in
5 the account may be appropriated only to the department for purposes
6 of the grant program established under Subsection (d). Funds
7 disbursed under Subsection (d) are subject to audit by the
8 comptroller.

9 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
10 a person who applies for an original or renewal driver's license,
11 commercial driver's license, or personal identification
12 certificate on or after January 1, 2026.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.