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H.B. No. 3033

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program for nonprofit organizations supporting 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 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 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

1 certificate on the department's Internet website.

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

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

11 Sec. 522.0297. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
12 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

13 (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal commercial  
14 driver's license under this chapter, the person may contribute \$3  
15 or more to the grant program for nonprofit organizations supporting  
16 the Department of Public Safety established under Section 411.013,  
17 Government Code.

18 (b) The department shall:

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

24 (2) provide an opportunity for the person to  
25 contribute to the grant program during the application process for  
26 an original or renewal commercial driver's license on the  
27 department's Internet website.

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

8       SECTION 3. Section 411.013, Government Code, is amended by  
9 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

10       (d) The department shall establish and administer a grant  
11 program for and shall disburse funds to nonprofit organizations  
12 that provide support to the department, including support for  
13 employees of the department. Grant funds may be used only for  
14 providing support to the department. The department shall  
15 establish:

- 16               (1) grant application procedures;  
17               (2) guidelines relating to grant amounts; and  
18               (3) criteria for evaluating grant applications.

19       (e) The nonprofit organizations supporting the Department  
20 of Public Safety account is created as a dedicated account in the  
21 general revenue fund of the state treasury. Money in the account  
22 may be appropriated only to the department for purposes of the grant  
23 program established under Subsection (d). Funds distributed under  
24 Subsection (d) are subject to audit by the comptroller.

25       SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
26 a person who applies for an original or renewal driver's license,  
27 commercial driver's license, or personal identification

1 certificate on or after January 1, 2026.

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