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S.B. No. 1321

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to compensation and leave for certain peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "State employee" means an individual who:

(A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the attorney general, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, or the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department of Insurance;

(B) is a commissioned security officer of the comptroller;

(C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(D) is a commissioned peace officer of an institution of higher education;

(E) is an employee or official of the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's jurisdiction;

1 (F) has been certified to the Employees
2 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun
3 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,
4 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having
5 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial
6 officer;

7 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty
8 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a
9 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay; or

10 (H) is a security officer employed by the Texas
11 Military Department.

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

14 (a) This section applies to a peace officer under Article
15 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law
16 enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by:

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

19 (2) the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

20 (3) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

21 (4) the attorney general; [~~or~~]

22 (5) the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department
23 of Insurance; [~~or~~]

24 (6) the comptroller; or

25 (7) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

26 SECTION 3. Section 1701.160, Occupations Code, is amended
27 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 1701.160. AUTHORITY TO COMMISSION INVESTIGATORS AS
2 PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The commission may commission certified peace
3 officers as investigators employed by the commission for the
4 limited purpose of assisting the commission in administering this
5 chapter.

6 (b) The commission shall ensure a peace officer
7 commissioned under Subsection (a) is compensated according to
8 Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule
9 prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

10 SECTION 4. (a) The classification officer in the office of
11 the state auditor shall classify the position of commissioned peace
12 officer employed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement as a
13 Schedule C position under the position classification plan
14 maintained under Chapter 654, Government Code.

15 (b) The change made by the classification officer as
16 required by this section applies beginning with the state fiscal
17 biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

18 (c) This section expires September 1, 2027.

19 SECTION 5. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, as amended
20 by this Act, applies only to an injury that occurs on or after the
21 effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.