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S.B. No. 1651

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the rural sheriff's office salary assistance grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 130.911(d) and (h), Local Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified county that applies for the grant using money appropriated to the comptroller for that purpose. The grant must be in the following applicable amount:

(1) \$250,000 if the county has a population of less than 10,000;

(2) \$350,000 if the county has:
(A) a population of less than 10,000 and significant critical infrastructure located in its boundaries; or

(B) a population of 10,000 or more and less than 50,000; or

(3) \$500,000 if the county has:
(A) a population of 10,000 or more and less than 50,000 and significant critical infrastructure located in its boundaries; or

(B) a population of 50,000 or more and 300,000 or less.

(h) The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to

1 implement this section, including rules that establish:

2 (1) a standardized application process, including the
3 form to be used to apply for a grant and the manner of submitting the
4 form;

5 (2) deadlines for:

6 (A) applying for the grant;

7 (B) disbursement of grant money; and

8 (C) spending grant money; ~~and~~

9 (3) procedures for:

10 (A) monitoring the disbursement of grant money to
11 ensure compliance with this section; and

12 (B) the return of grant money that was not used by
13 a county for a purpose authorized by this section; and

14 (4) standards to determine if critical infrastructure
15 is significant critical infrastructure for the purpose of
16 Subsection (d), considering the importance, value, and size of the
17 infrastructure.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to the award of a grant to a county under the rural sheriff's office
20 salary assistance grant program during a fiscal year of the county
21 that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.