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S.B. No. 489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a peace officer employment opportunity Internet website by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.162 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.162. PEACE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) From money appropriated to the commission for any purpose, the commission shall develop, maintain, and promote a statewide employment Internet website to facilitate:

(1) public awareness of peace officer employment opportunities with state and local law enforcement agencies; and

(2) an exchange of information between individuals seeking employment as peace officers in this state and state and local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for employment as peace officers.

(b) The Internet website must:

(1) be accessible to members of the public; and
(2) provide to individuals seeking employment as peace officers and state and local law enforcement agencies who have posted employment opportunities on the website an organized means of exchanging information.

(c) The commission shall:

1 (1) to the extent practicable, verify the accuracy of
2 information posted on the Internet website; and

3 (2) with the assistance of the Department of
4 Information Resources, ensure that data exchanged via the website
5 is secure.

6 (d) The commission shall charge a reasonable fee to a state
7 or local law enforcement agency that posts information on the
8 Internet website or uses the website in any other manner to exchange
9 information with an individual seeking employment as a peace
10 officer.

11 (e) In the absence of sufficient funding to maintain and
12 operate the Internet website, the commission may limit or
13 discontinue the commission's operation of the Internet website
14 under this section.

15 SECTION 2. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
16 Standards and Education shall develop, maintain, and promote the
17 peace officer employment opportunity Internet website as required
18 by Section 1701.162, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not
19 later than January 1, 2010.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.