

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 12  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, only a sheriff, sheriff's deputy, justice of the peace, constable, or a municipal police officer can obtain certification as a special officer for mental health assignment. This legislation adds peace officers to the list of eligible officers, and removes municipal police officers. All officers must meet the same criteria and training to be certified for mental health assignment.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 12 provides for the certification of peace officers as special officers for mental health assignment.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 415.037(a), Government Code, to authorize the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to certify a sheriff, sheriff's deputy, justice of the peace, constable, or other peace officer as a special officer for mental health assignment if the peace officer has completed certain requirements.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

Amends the relating clause to replace the reference to "certain police officers" with "peace officers."

#### **SECTION 1.**

Amends Section 415.037(a), Government Code, to authorize the commission to certify a peace officer, rather than a police officer commissioned by a school district or institution of higher education, as a special officer for mental health assignment.