

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, state law defines the property that encompasses the Capitol Complex. Because certain parking areas around the Capitol Complex are exempt from receiving tickets from the Austin Police Department, the concern exists that allotted parking may not be used in lieu of using non-designated parking areas closer to the Capitol Complex. This bill allows the Texas Department of Public Safety to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin in order to enforce parking and general security measures around the Capitol Complex.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1301 allows the Texas Department of Public Safety to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin in order to enforce parking and general security measures around the Capitol Complex.

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 Chapter 443, Government Code, by adding Section 443.015, as follows:

Sec. 443.015. PARKING METERS. Authorizes the State Preservation Board (board) to expend any available funds for the installation of parking meters in appropriate areas of the Capitol Complex for which parking and traffic control is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety (department). Requires the board to cooperate with the department in the installation of the meters. Requires the department to be responsible for operation and maintenance of parking meters installed under this section, and to enforce parking violations related to metered spaces in accordance with Chapter 411E. Requires 50 percent of the revenue collected from meters installed under this section to be deposited in the Capitol fund, and 50 percent to be deposited in the State Parking Fund No. 125 as provided by Section 411.063(d). Provides that the Capitol Complex includes the William P. Clements State Office Building, for purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 411.061(a), Government Code, to redefine "Capitol Complex." Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 411.062, Government Code, by adding Subsection (f), to require the department and the City of Austin to execute an interlocal cooperation agreement that defines the respective responsibilities of the department and the city for traffic and parking enforcement and general security in the Capitol Complex, including private property within the boundaries of the complex.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 411.063(d), Government Code, to require the department to remit certain fees to the comptroller, except as provided by Section 443.015. Requires funds, among other uses, to be used for security in the Capitol Complex.

SECTION 5. Requires all revenue collected from parking meters installed under Section 443.015

to be deposited to the credit of the Capitol fund until the deposited amount equals expenditures of the State Preservation Board in the installation of those meters, notwithstanding Sections 443.015 and 411.063(d), Government Code. Requires the revenue from the meters to be divided and deposited as provided by Section 443.015(c), Government Code, after the board has been reimbursed for the cost of installation.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.