

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) employs investigators to examine license candidates and complaints against licensees. TCLEOSE investigators, who are not commissioned officers, may be called upon to investigate commissioned officers. H.B. 2023 would create authority for the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to employ and commission peace officers.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2023 creates authority for the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to employ and commission peace officers.

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 Subchapter A, Chapter 415, Government Code, by adding Section 415.016, as follows:

Sec. 415.016. AUTHORITY TO COMMISSION INVESTIGATORS AS PEACE OFFICERS.
Authorizes the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) to commission certified peace officers and investigators employed by TCLEOSE for the limited purpose of assisting TCLEOSE in administering this chapter.

SECTION 2. Amends Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, to include investigators commissioned by TCLEOSE under Section 415.016, Government Code, among those that are peace officers. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.