

1-1 By: Burton S.B. No. 1529  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
 1-4 April 20, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation and regulation of a law enforcement agency  
 1-18 or police department.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1701.163, Occupations Code, is amended  
 1-21 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-22 (c) The entity may not begin operation of the law  
 1-23 enforcement agency or police department unless:

1-24 (1) the entity submits all of the information required  
 1-25 under Subsection (b) to the commission; and

1-26 (2) the commission issues the entity an agency number  
 1-27 for the law enforcement agency or police department.

1-28 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
 1-29 amended by adding Section 1701.1631 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 1701.1631. SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN  
 1-31 AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS. The commission may suspend the operations  
 1-32 of a law enforcement agency or police department described by  
 1-33 Section 1701.163 if the entity creating the law enforcement agency  
 1-34 or police department:

1-35 (1) cannot demonstrate an ongoing need for the law  
 1-36 enforcement agency or police department in the community;

1-37 (2) does not maintain adequate funding for the law  
 1-38 enforcement agency or police department;

1-39 (3) does not maintain or provide adequate physical  
 1-40 resources for officers of the law enforcement agency or police  
 1-41 department;

1-42 (4) does not maintain or provide adequate physical  
 1-43 facilities for the law enforcement agency or police department,  
 1-44 including an adequate evidence room, dispatch area, and public  
 1-45 area;

1-46 (5) does not maintain or enforce adequate law  
 1-47 enforcement policies for the law enforcement agency or police  
 1-48 department, including policies on:

1-49 (A) use of force;

1-50 (B) vehicle pursuit;

1-51 (C) professional conduct of officers;

1-52 (D) domestic abuse protocols;

1-53 (E) response to missing persons;

1-54 (F) supervision of part-time officers; and

1-55 (G) impartial policing;

1-56 (6) does not have an effective administrative  
 1-57 structure for the law enforcement agency or police department;

1-58 (7) does not maintain adequate liability insurance for  
 1-59 the law enforcement agency or police department; or

1-60 (8) does not meet another standard or requirement the  
 1-61 commission implements by rule.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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