

1-1 By: Springer, et al. S.B. No. 22
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 13, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; March 23, 2023,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 0; March 23, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-25 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 22 By: Hinojosa

1-26 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-27 AN ACT

1-28 relating to the establishment of grant programs to provide
 1-29 financial assistance to qualified sheriff's offices and
 1-30 prosecutor's offices in rural counties.

1-31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-32 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 130, Local Government
 1-33 Code, is amended by adding Sections 130.911 and 130.912 to read as
 1-34 follows:

1-35 Sec. 130.911. RURAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE SALARY ASSISTANCE
 1-36 GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

1-37 (1) "Grant" means a grant authorized to be awarded by
 1-38 the comptroller under the rural sheriff's office salary assistance
 1-39 grant program established by this section.

1-40 (2) "Qualified county" means a county with a
 1-41 population of 300,000 or less.

1-42 (b) The comptroller shall establish and administer the
 1-43 rural sheriff's office salary assistance grant program to support
 1-44 the state purpose of ensuring professional law enforcement
 1-45 throughout the state by providing financial assistance to sheriff's
 1-46 offices in qualified counties.

1-47 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the first day of a
 1-48 qualified county's fiscal year, the county may submit an
 1-49 application for a grant to the comptroller. A county may submit only
 1-50 one application each fiscal year.

1-51 (d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified
 1-52 county that applies for the grant using money appropriated to the
 1-53 comptroller for that purpose. The grant must be in the following
 1-54 applicable amount:

1-55 (1) \$250,000 if the county has a population of less
 1-56 than 10,000;

1-57 (2) \$350,000 if the county has a population of 10,000
 1-58 or more and less than 50,000; or

1-59 (3) \$500,000 if the county has a population of 50,000
 1-60 or more and 300,000 or less.

2-1 (e) A county that is awarded a grant shall use or authorize
2-2 the use of the grant money only:
2-3 (1) to provide a minimum annual salary of at least:
2-4 (A) \$75,000 for the county sheriff;
2-5 (B) \$45,000 for each deputy who makes motor
2-6 vehicle stops in the routine performance of their duties; and
2-7 (C) \$40,000 for each jailer whose duties include
2-8 the safekeeping of prisoners and the security of a jail operated by
2-9 the county;
2-10 (2) to increase the salary of a person described by
2-11 Subdivision (1);
2-12 (3) to hire additional deputies or staff for the
2-13 sheriff's office; or
2-14 (4) to purchase vehicles, firearms, and safety
2-15 equipment for the sheriff's office.
2-16 (f) A county that is awarded a grant may not use or authorize
2-17 the use of the grant money for a purpose other than to meet the
2-18 minimum salary requirements prescribed by Subsection (e)(1) until
2-19 those requirements are satisfied.
2-20 (g) A county may not reduce the amount of funds provided to
2-21 the sheriff's office because of grant funds provided under this
2-22 section.
2-23 (h) The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to
2-24 implement this section, including rules that establish:
2-25 (1) a standardized application process, including the
2-26 form to be used to apply for a grant and the manner of submitting the
2-27 form;
2-28 (2) deadlines for:
2-29 (A) applying for the grant;
2-30 (B) disbursement of grant money; and
2-31 (C) spending grant money; and
2-32 (3) procedures for:
2-33 (A) monitoring the disbursement of grant money to
2-34 ensure compliance with this section; and
2-35 (B) the return of grant money that was not used by
2-36 a county for a purpose authorized by this section.
2-37 Sec. 130.912. RURAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SALARY ASSISTANCE
2-38 GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In this section:
2-39 (1) "Grant" means a grant authorized to be awarded by
2-40 the comptroller under the rural prosecutor's office salary
2-41 assistance grant program established by this section.
2-42 (2) "Qualified prosecutor's office" means, in a
2-43 jurisdiction with a population of 300,000 or less, the office of a
2-44 district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney
2-45 with criminal prosecution duties.
2-46 (b) The comptroller shall establish and administer the
2-47 rural prosecutor's office salary assistance grant program to
2-48 support the state purpose of ensuring professional legal
2-49 representation of the people's interests throughout the state by
2-50 providing financial assistance to qualified prosecutor's offices.
2-51 (c) Not later than the 30th day after the first day of a
2-52 qualified prosecutor's office's fiscal year, the prosecutor's
2-53 office may submit an application for a grant to the comptroller. A
2-54 prosecutor's office may submit only one application each fiscal
2-55 year.
2-56 (d) The comptroller shall award a grant to a qualified
2-57 prosecutor's office that applies for the grant using money
2-58 appropriated to the comptroller for that purpose. The grant must be
2-59 in the following applicable amount:
2-60 (1) \$100,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction
2-61 has a population of less than 10,000;
2-62 (2) \$175,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction
2-63 has a population of 10,000 or more and less than 50,000; or
2-64 (3) \$275,000 if the prosecutor's office's jurisdiction
2-65 has a population of 50,000 or more and 300,000 or less.
2-66 (e) A prosecutor's office that is awarded a grant shall use
2-67 or authorize the use of the grant money only:
2-68 (1) to increase the salary of an assistant attorney,
2-69 investigator, or a victim assistance coordinator employed at the

3-1 office; or
3-2 (2) to hire additional staff for the office.
3-3 (f) A county may not reduce the amount of funds provided to a
3-4 prosecutor's office because of grant funds provided under this
3-5 section.
3-6 (g) The comptroller shall adopt rules necessary to
3-7 implement this section, including rules that establish:
3-8 (1) a standardized application process, including the
3-9 form to be used to apply for a grant and the manner of submitting the
3-10 form;
3-11 (2) deadlines for:
3-12 (A) applying for the grant;
3-13 (B) disbursement of grant money; and
3-14 (C) spending grant money; and
3-15 (3) procedures for:
3-16 (A) monitoring the disbursement of grant money to
3-17 ensure compliance with this section; and
3-18 (B) the return of grant money that was not used by
3-19 a county for a purpose authorized by this section.
3-20 SECTION 2. A qualified county or prosecutor's office, as
3-21 defined by Section 130.911 or 130.912, Local Government Code, as
3-22 added by this Act, may not apply for a rural sheriff's office salary
3-23 assistance grant or a rural prosecutor's office salary assistance
3-24 grant before January 1, 2024.
3-25 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2024, the comptroller
3-26 of public accounts shall comply with the requirements of Sections
3-27 130.911 and 130.912, Local Government Code, as added by this Act.
3-28 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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