

1-1 By: Hefner (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa of Hidalgo) H.B. No. 4264  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;  
 1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;  
 1-4 May 25, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 2; May 25, 2025,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-24 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4264 By: Hinojosa of Hidalgo

1-25 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-26 AN ACT

1-27 relating to creation of a grant program for certain peace officers  
 1-28 who hold a master proficiency certificate.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is  
 1-31 amended by adding Section 772.013 to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 772.013. GRANT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PEACE OFFICERS WITH  
 1-33 MASTER PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE. (a) In this section:

1-34 (1) "Criminal justice division" means the criminal  
 1-35 justice division established under Section 772.006.

1-36 (2) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of this  
 1-37 state or an agency of a political subdivision of this state  
 1-38 authorized by law to employ peace officers.

1-39 (3) "Peace officer" means a person elected, employed,  
 1-40 or appointed as a peace officer under Article 2A.001, Code of  
 1-41 Criminal Procedure, or other law.

1-42 (b) From money appropriated specifically for that purpose,  
 1-43 the criminal justice division may establish a grant program for the  
 1-44 public purpose of fostering the professional development of peace  
 1-45 officers employed in this state.

1-46 (c) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a person  
 1-47 must:

1-48 (1) hold a master proficiency certificate issued by  
 1-49 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.402,  
 1-50 Occupations Code;

1-51 (2) be employed on a full-time basis as a peace officer  
 1-52 by a law enforcement agency; and

1-53 (3) meet any other eligibility criteria established by  
 1-54 the criminal justice division.

1-55 (d) Only the following persons may apply for a grant under  
 1-56 this section:

1-57 (1) a law enforcement agency on behalf of an employee  
 1-58 of the agency who meets the eligibility criteria for a grant under  
 1-59 this section; or

1-60 (2) a person who meets the eligibility criteria for a

2-1 grant under this section with the consent of the person's employing  
2-2 law enforcement agency.

2-3 (e) The criminal justice division may award a grant under  
2-4 this section only to a law enforcement agency. The law enforcement  
2-5 agency may use the money only to increase the compensation of the  
2-6 employee who applied for the grant or for whom the agency applied  
2-7 for the grant.

2-8 (f) If the grant program is established under Subsection  
2-9 (b), the criminal justice division shall establish procedures for:

2-10 (1) processing grant applications in addition to any  
2-11 other application procedures prescribed by this section;

2-12 (2) evaluating grant applications; and

2-13 (3) monitoring the use of a grant awarded under the  
2-14 program and ensuring compliance with any condition of a grant.

2-15 (g) The criminal justice division shall award grants under  
2-16 this section in an amount equal to \$6,500 for each award.

2-17 (h) A grant awarded under this section may not be awarded to  
2-18 the same person more than one time.

2-19 SECTION 2. The criminal justice division established under  
2-20 Section 772.006, Government Code, may award a grant under Section  
2-21 772.013, Government Code, as added by this Act, only with respect to  
2-22 a master proficiency certificate issued under Section 1701.402,  
2-23 Occupations Code, on or after the effective date of this Act.

2-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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