

1-1 By: West, et al. S.B. No. 12
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 12, 2017; January 24, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 March 7, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 7, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Whitmire	X		
1-10	Huffman	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Burton	X		
1-13	Creighton	X		
1-14	Garcia	X		
1-15	Hughes	X		
1-16	Menéndez	X		
1-17	Perry	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 12 By: Huffman

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of a grant program to assist law
1-22 enforcement agencies with the purchase of bulletproof vests.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 772, Government Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 772.0073 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 772.0073. BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT PROGRAM. (a) In
1-27 this section, "criminal justice division" means the criminal
1-28 justice division established under Section 772.006.

1-29 (b) The criminal justice division shall establish and
1-30 administer a grant program to provide financial assistance to a law
1-31 enforcement agency in this state that seeks to equip its peace
1-32 officers with bulletproof vests.

1-33 (c) A bulletproof vest purchased with a grant received under
1-34 this section must be classified by the National Institute of
1-35 Justice:

1-36 (1) at the Level III or Level IV body armor standard;

1-37 or

1-38 (2) using an equivalent classification that denotes
1-39 the vest is capable of stopping rifle ammunition.

1-40 (d) A law enforcement agency may apply for a grant under
1-41 this section only if the agency first adopts a policy addressing the
1-42 deployment and allocation of vests to its officers.

1-43 (e) A law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this
1-44 section must, as soon as practicable after receiving the grant,
1-45 provide to the criminal justice division proof of purchase of
1-46 bulletproof vests, including the price of each vest and the number
1-47 of vests purchased.

1-48 (f) Not later than December 1 of each year, the criminal
1-49 justice division shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a
1-50 report that provides the following information for the preceding
1-51 state fiscal year:

1-52 (1) the name of each law enforcement agency that
1-53 applied for a grant under this section;

1-54 (2) the amount of money distributed to each law
1-55 enforcement agency that received a grant under this section; and

1-56 (3) the number of vests purchased by each agency
1-57 described by Subdivision (2).

1-58 (g) The criminal justice division may use any revenue
1-59 available for purposes of this section.

1-60 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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