

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 297
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note the need for the designation of a day for the appreciation of law enforcement. H.B. 297 seeks to address this reported need by designating January 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 297 amends the Government Code to designate January 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The bill authorizes the regular observance of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in public schools and other places and requires the Texas Education Agency to develop recommendations for the day's observance through appropriate activities in the public schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.