

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 381
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to include on the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument the names of individuals killed in the line of duty who were classified as trainees and acting within the scope of their employment for the state or a political subdivision of the state. C.S.H.B. 381 seeks to provide for this inclusion, thereby providing closure and support to the surviving families of these individuals.

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

C.S.H.B. 381 amends the Government Code to make a person eligible to have the person's name on the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument if the person was killed in the line of duty and was employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state and considered by the person's employer to be a trainee for a position as an officer, agent, or jailer, as applicable. The bill applies to the eligibility of a person who was killed in the line of duty before, on, or after the bill's effective date and requires the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to reconsider a nomination to have a person's name included on the monument if the person was determined to be ineligible before the bill's effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 381 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes a provision that applies the bill to the eligibility of a person who was killed in the line of duty before, on, or after the bill's effective date.

The substitute includes a requirement for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to reconsider a nomination to have a person's name included on the monument if the person was determined to be ineligible before the bill's effective date.