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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2457 authorizes the City of Houston Police Department, when hiring a new police officer, to take into account an applicant's previous experience in another police department in order to determine the extent to which training and examination of the applicant is necessary. The bill also allows the department to adjust beginning longevity pay according to the applicant's previous work experience.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter G, Chapter 143, Local Government Code, by adding Section 143.1055, as follows:

Sec. 143.1055. **APPLICANT FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE.** Authorizes a police department, notwithstanding any other requirement of this chapter, for any applicant for a beginning position in the police department who has previous experience as a police officer with another police department, to modify the police officer training academy requirements for the applicant, and to allow the applicant to take the entrance examination before completing the academy training.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 143.110, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) to make a conforming change, and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Authorizes a police department, in computing longevity pay and base pay under this section for a police officer who has completed the department's academy training requirements, to include the number of years, not to exceed five, that the police officer served in another police department.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.