

SUBJECT: Amending provisions for certain authorized peace officers

COMMITTEE: Criminal Jurisprudence — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 9 ayes — Moody, Cook, Bhojani, Bowers, Darby, Harrison, Leach, C. Morales, Schatzline

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WITNESSES: For — Wayne Sneed, Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT); Jason Smith (*Registered, but did not testify*: Thomas Villarreal, Austin Police Association; Christopher Irwin, Austin Police Association PAC; Chris Jones, Jennifer Szimanski, Marvin Ryals, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT); M Paige Williams, Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot; Carlos Ortiz, San Antonio Police Officers Association; Suzi Kennon, Texas PTA; Justin Berry; Liinda Durnin)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Offis Erdownohwell; Eve Margolis)

On — Paul Shepherd, University of Texas System

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that authorizing school peace officers to apply for or be issued a search warrant could help to ensure the evidentiary integrity of criminal cases in which they are involved and improve school safety.

DIGEST: For provisions regarding the installation and use of tracking equipment and access to communications, CSHB 4906 would amend the definition of "authorized peace officer" to include a peace officer commissioned for secondary and post-secondary educational institutions.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.