

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, full-time peace officers who work extra employment as private security officers are exempt from having to be licensed under the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act. An officer who owns or operates a security company is not exempt and still has to be licensed. However, it is unclear whether an officer who simply coordinates and schedules other peace officers for extra employment is exempt from having to be licensed under the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act. Typically, an officer will coordinate an off-duty security job and be paid for this service by the private employer. The coordinator does not pay the officers working the job, but simply schedules and coordinates the job. The private employer still continues to pay each officer working the job on an individual basis. S.B. 922 would clarify that full-time peace officers who coordinate extra security employment jobs are exempt from having to be licensed under the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 922 outlines provisions regarding an exemption from regulation under the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act for certain peace officers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3(a), Article 4413(29bb), V.T.C.S. (Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act), to provide that this Act does not apply to a person who has full-time employment as a peace officer, who receives compensation for private employment on an individual or an independent contractor basis as a patrolman, guard, watchman, or extra job coordinator in certain instances.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.