

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1044  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, local law enforcement agencies pay their officers a monthly stipend for higher education; furthermore, the officers of local law enforcement agencies receive a higher salary than the officers of the Texas Department of Public Safety. C.S.S.B. 1044 provides supplemental pay to a Texas Department of Public Safety officer who holds a degree or has obtained an equivalent number of credit hours in higher education.

### **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 the heading to Section 411.016, Government Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 411.016. SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR OVERTIME WORK OR WORK ON  
FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 411A, Government Code, by adding Section 411.0161, as follows:

Sec. 411.0161. SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) Authorizes the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), if an officer commissioned by DPS has obtained one of several degrees, or a number of credit hours equivalent to one of those degrees, from an accredited public or private college or university, to pay the officer supplemental pay in amount not exceeding \$100 per month for an associate degree; \$200 per month for a bachelor's degree; or \$300 per month for a master's or more advanced degree.

(b) Provides that the maximum amount of supplemental pay for higher education that DPS may pay to an officer who has obtained more than one of the degrees listed in Subsection (a) is the maximum amount of supplemental pay available under that subsection for the most advanced degree obtained by the officer.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.