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S.B. No. 308

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of campus police departments at private institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 51.212, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b) Any officer commissioned under the provisions of this section is vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers if the officer:

(1) is on the property under the control and jurisdiction of the respective private institution of higher education or is otherwise performing duties assigned to the officer by the institution, regardless of whether the officer is on property under the control and jurisdiction of the institution, but provided these duties are ~~[consistent with the educational mission of the institution and are]~~ being performed within a county in which the institution has land; or

(2) to the extent authorized by Section 51.2125, is:

(A) requested by another law enforcement agency to provide assistance in enforcing state or local law, including a municipal ordinance, and is acting in response to that request; or

(B) otherwise assisting another law enforcement agency in enforcing a law described by Paragraph (A).

1 (f) A campus police department of a private institution of
2 higher education is a law enforcement agency and a governmental
3 body for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code, only with
4 respect to information relating solely to law enforcement
5 activities.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.