

## Definitions of terms as defined in S. B. 247

A *peace officer* is defined by Art. 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure as:

- (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 415, Government Code;
- (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 415, Government Code;
- (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 415, Government Code;
- (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public Safety;
- (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;
- (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
- (7) each member of an arson investigating unit commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;
- (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081, Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
- (9) officers commissioned by the General Services Commission;
- (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city with a population of more than one million, according to the most recent federal census, that operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and security officers;
- (14) security officers commissioned as peace officers by the comptroller;
- (15) officers commissioned by a water control and improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

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(16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees under Chapter 341, Acts of the 57th Legislature, Regular Session, 1961 (Article 1187f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes);

(17) investigators commissioned by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners;

(18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, or the Bexar County Hospital District under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

(19) county park rangers commissioned under Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;

(20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing Commission;

(21) officers commissioned by the State Board of Pharmacy;

(22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108, Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

(23) investigators commissioned by the attorney general under Section 402.009, Government Code;

(24) security officers and investigators commissioned as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;

(25) officers employed by the Texas Department of Health under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;

(26) officers appointed by an appellate court under Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

(27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal under Chapter 417, Government Code;

(28) investigators commissioned by the commissioner of insurance under Article 1.10D, Insurance Code;

(29) apprehension specialists commissioned by the Texas Youth Commission as officers under Section 61.0931, Human Resources Code; and

(30) officers appointed by the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019, Government Code. (Text of subd. (30) as added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 322, § 2)

(30) investigators commissioned by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section 415.016,

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Government Code. (Text of subd. (30) as added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 882, § 2)

(30) board investigators commissioned by the Texas Commission on Private Security under Section 10(f), Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act (Article 4413(29bb), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes). (Text of subd. (30) as added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg. ch. 974, § 37)

A *commissioned security officer* is defined in Occupations Code §1702.002 as follows:

(5) "Commissioned security officer" means a security officer to whom a security officer commission has been issued by the board. [Board means the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.]

A *county jailer* is defined in Occupations Code, §1701.001 as:

[A] person employed as a county jail guard under Section 85.005, Local Government Code.

Local Government Code, § 85.00 states:

(a) The sheriff may, with the approval of the commissioners court or, in the case of an emergency, with the approval of the county judge, employ a sufficient number of guards to ensure the safekeeping of prisoners and the security of a jail.

(b) In case of an emergency, a guard is subject to being called to duty by the sheriff.

(c) A person charged with the responsibility of enforcing this section commits an offense if the person violates the section. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$200.

S.B. 247 defines a *family violence center* as the term is used in the Human Resources Code, § 51.002, which states:

(1) "Family violence shelter center" means a program that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence.

(2) "Victim of family violence" means:

(A) an adult who is subjected to physical force or the threat of physical force by another who is related by affinity or consanguinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, to that adult, who is a former spouse of that adult, or who resides in the same household with that adult; or

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(B) an individual, other than an individual using physical force or the threat of physical force, who resides in the same household with a victim of family violence as defined in Paragraph (A) of this subdivision

S.B. 247 defines a *sexual assault program* as it is defined in Government Code, § 420.003, which states that a:

"Sexual assault program" means any local public or private nonprofit corporation, independent of a law enforcement agency or prosecutor's office, that is operated as an independent program or as part of a municipal, county, or state agency and that provides the minimum services established by this chapter.