

CHAPTER 468

H.B. No. 391

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction and qualifications of campus peace officers at institutions of higher education and public technical institutes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 51.203, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.203. **CAMPUS PEACE OFFICERS** [~~SECURITY PERSONNEL~~]. (a) The governing boards of each state institution of higher education and public technical institute may employ and commission peace officers [~~campus security personnel~~] for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subchapter [~~and may commission them as peace officers~~]. *The primary jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the institution of higher education or public technical institute that employs the peace officer.*

(b) *Within a peace officer's primary jurisdiction, a peace officer commissioned under this section:*

- (1) *is vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers;*
- (2) *may, in accordance with Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure, arrest without a warrant any person who violates a law of the state; and*
- (3) *may enforce all traffic laws on streets and highways.*

(c) *Outside a peace officer's primary jurisdiction a peace [Any] officer commissioned under this section is vested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers and may arrest any person who violates any law of the state if the peace officer:*

- (1) *is summoned by another law enforcement agency to provide assistance;*
- (2) *is assisting another law enforcement agency; or*
- (3) *is otherwise performing his duties as a peace officer for the institution of higher education or public technical institute that employs the peace officer [while on the property under the control and jurisdiction of the institution of higher education or otherwise in the performance of his duties].*

(d) Any officer assigned to duty and commissioned shall take and file the oath required of peace officers, and shall execute and file a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$1,000, payable to the governor and his successors in office, with two or more good and sufficient sureties, conditioned that he will fairly, impartially, and faithfully

perform all the duties that may be required of him by law. The bond may be sued on from time to time in the name of any person injured until the whole amount of the bond is recovered.

(e) Any person commissioned under this Act must be a certified police officer under the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers and Standards.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 13, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 391 on May 30, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.