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Technical Assistance Bulletin

To: All Texas Law Enforcement Agencies/Contract Training Providers/Licensees
From: Kenny Merchant/Director, Credentialing and Field Services
Regarding: **Temporary Jailer's Licenses and the 86th Legislature**
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HB 4468 from the 86th Legislative Session made some major changes to Temporary Jailer Licensing in the Occupations Code (1701.310), which goes into effect on 09/01/2019. Some of the changes are very clear, while others are less clear and more difficult to understand. What is very clear is that Temporary licenses for Jailers can no longer be repeated. A Jailer gets one Temporary License, for a period of one year, during their lifetime that cannot be renewed or re-issued. This means that a person with an expired Temporary Jailer License must be separated (F5'd) from their agency and cannot be re-appointed (L1'd) until they have completed all licensing and training requirements for the position. An unintended result of this is that a licensed Jailer who has allowed their license to go Inactive may no longer be appointed as a Temporary while completing the reactivation process.

What is also clear from this Bill is that a Temporary Jailer may not be appointed to a supervisory position until the full Jailer License has been awarded.

The last provision of this Bill is less clear. Persons licensed as a Temporary Jailer after the Bill goes into effect (09/01/2019) must be **enrolled** in the Basic Correctional Officer Course before the 90th day. There is no clear definition of enrolled provided in the Bill, but it is being interpreted as meaning "registered for the course." The Bill does not require course completion within 90 days, only course enrollment. The Commission will monitor the enrollment status of Temporary Jailers through Audits and on-site visits to jails, so records of enrollment must be maintained by the agency. All that is required for compliance is documentation of the Temporary Jailer's registration for the Basic Correction Officer Course at a Training Provider who provides the course.