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Opinion Committee

Dear General Cornyn:

I would like to request an Attorney General's opinion on the following question:

**Do local governmental bodies have authority to redirect funds dedicated for law enforcement training purposes under Occupations Code §1701.157 to the general funds of the county or municipality?**

Texas Occupations Code §1701.157 (formerly Government Code §415.0845) requires the state to allocate funds to local law enforcement agencies for continuing education and training of certain law enforcement personnel. Questions have arisen from local government entities regarding the proper usage of these training funds. Specifically, does the statute authorize these funds to be rolled into the general funds of a local governmental body?

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my general counsel, Tracy Kersey, at 463-2527. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Frank Madla  
Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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