

Bill Summary
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 637
Version:	INT
Request No.	1171
Author:	Sen. Paxton
Date:	01/14/2025

Bill Analysis

SB 637 provides that an officer shall not be prosecuted or subject to civil action for the use of deadly force unless such use was determined to be unlawful. An officer subject to a preliminary hearing may file a motion 10 days prior to the hearing to dismiss the case based on the provisions of this measure. If the court denies the motion to dismiss, the officer shall have the right to file an appeal. The appeal must address whether the deadly force used by the officer was unlawful or justified and permitted. If the use of force is deemed to be justified, the court shall enter an order containing findings of fact and conclusions of law that the officer is not subject to criminal prosecution and that criminal charges and proceedings shall be dismissed and shall not be filed unless newly discovered evidence or evidence not known to the prosecution at the time is found or discovered. If the officer was not found to be justified, a written order shall be entered binding the officer over for trial.

Prepared by: Kalen Taylor