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## Opinions

### Opinion No. KP-0516

Re: Social Security Numbers Required for Occupational Licenses

#### S U M M A R Y

Family Code subsection 231.302(c)(1) unambiguously requires that occupational licensing authorities request and each applicant provide their social security number. As such, agencies cannot solicit or accept attestations that an applicant does not have a social security number.

Prior reliance on the nonbinding federal guidance in PIQ-99-05 is misplaced, and Attorney General Opinion JC-0409 as well as its progeny are overruled.

### Opinion No. KP-0517

The Honorable Phil Sorrells

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Re: Investigatory obligation following "the death of a prisoner in county jail" under Government Code § 511.021(a) (RQ-0590-KP)

#### S U M M A R Y

The phrase "death of a prisoner in a county jail" in Government Code subsection 511.021(a) requires appointment of an independent law enforcement agency to investigate a prisoner death that occurred in the county jail itself. However, this does not mean the Commission lacks statutory authority to promulgate a rule requiring independent investigation of prisoner deaths while in custody.

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