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H.B. No. 831

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 831:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the basic peace officer training course, including
3 training for peace officers on the prohibition against the
4 intentional use of certain neck restraints.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 1701.2551 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1701.2551. BASIC PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE;
9 PROHIBITED USE OF CERTAIN RESTRAINTS. (a) The basic peace officer
10 training course required as part of a peace officer training
11 program under Section 1701.251(a) may be no less than 720 hours.

12 (b) The basic peace officer training course must include
13 training on the prohibition against the intentional use of a choke
14 hold, carotid artery hold, or similar neck restraint by a peace
15 officer in searching or arresting a person, unless the officer
16 reasonably believes the restraint is necessary to prevent serious
17 bodily injury to or the death of the peace officer or another
18 person.

19 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas
20 Commission on Law Enforcement shall modify the curriculum of the
21 basic peace officer training course as necessary to comply with
22 Section 1701.2551, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

23 (b) The minimum hour and content requirements for the basic
24 peace officer training course under Section 1701.2551, Occupations

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1 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a person who first begins
2 the course on or after July 1, 2022.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.