

1-1 By: Bowers, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 1262
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
 1-3 May 6, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 19, 2021, rereferred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-5 May 21, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-6 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021,
 1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
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1-15	X			
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1262 By: Hughes

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to education and training for peace officers on
 1-23 interacting with certain persons.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 1701.253(j), Occupations Code, is
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (j) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
 1-28 commission shall require an officer to complete a 40-hour statewide
 1-29 education and training program on de-escalation and crisis
 1-30 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons
 1-31 with mental impairments. The program must include instruction on
 1-32 interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other
 1-33 dementias, including instruction on techniques for recognizing
 1-34 symptoms, communicating effectively, employing alternatives to
 1-35 physical restraints, and identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or
 1-36 exploitation. An officer shall complete the program not later than
 1-37 the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under
 1-38 this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate
 1-39 proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier. An officer may
 1-40 not satisfy the requirements of this subsection or Section
 1-41 1701.402(g) by taking an online course on de-escalation and crisis
 1-42 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons
 1-43 with mental impairments.

1-44 SECTION 2. Not later than April 1, 2022, the Texas
 1-45 Commission on Law Enforcement shall revise the commission's
 1-46 education and training programs as necessary to implement the
 1-47 changes in law made by this Act.

1-48 SECTION 3. Section 1701.253(j), Occupations Code, as
 1-49 amended by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an
 1-50 application for a peace officer license under Chapter 1701,
 1-51 Occupations Code, on or after April 1, 2022. A person who submits
 1-52 an application for a peace officer license under Chapter 1701,
 1-53 Occupations Code, before April 1, 2022, is governed by the law in
 1-54 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
 1-55 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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