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H.B. No. 2650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the continuation and duties of the Sexual Assault  
3 Survivors' Task Force and establishment of a mandatory training  
4 program for peace officers on responding to reports of child sexual  
5 abuse and adult sexual assault.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 772.0064(m), Government Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (m) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the composition or  
10 duration of the task force or to the designation of the task force's  
11 presiding officer [~~This section expires September 1, 2023~~].

12 SECTION 2. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended  
13 by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

14 (q) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the  
15 commission shall require an officer to complete the basic education  
16 and training program developed under Section 1701.272. An officer  
17 shall complete the program not later than the second anniversary of  
18 the date the officer is licensed under this chapter unless the  
19 officer completes the program as part of the officer's basic  
20 training course.

21 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
22 amended by adding Section 1701.272 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 1701.272. TRAINING PROGRAM ON RESPONDING TO SEXUAL  
24 ABUSE OR ASSAULT. (a) The commission shall, in consultation with

1 the Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force established under Section  
2 772.0064, Government Code, establish a basic education and training  
3 program on child sexual abuse and adult sexual assault, including  
4 the use of best practices and trauma-informed response techniques  
5 to effectively recognize, investigate, and document those cases.  
6 The training program must consist of at least eight hours of  
7 instruction.

8 (b) The commission by rule shall require an officer to  
9 complete the training program unless the officer has completed the  
10 training under Section 1701.253(q) or other training equivalent to  
11 the training program as determined by the commission.

12 SECTION 4. Section 1701.253(b-2), Occupations Code, is  
13 repealed.

14 SECTION 5. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Texas  
15 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the training program  
16 required by Section 1701.272, Occupations Code, as added by this  
17 Act.

18 SECTION 6. Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added  
19 by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an application for  
20 a peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, on or  
21 after January 1, 2024. A person who submits an application for a  
22 peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, before  
23 January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect immediately before  
24 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
25 effect for that purpose.

26 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.