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H.B. No. 5591

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to opioid overdose training for peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (u) to read as follows:

(u) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete the training program established under Section 1701.273.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.273 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.273. TRAINING PROGRAM ON OPIOID OVERDOSES. The commission by rule shall establish and maintain a training program on opioid overdoses. The program must include instruction on:

(1) recognizing the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose; and

(2) administering all types of opioid antagonists, including injectable and nasal opioid antagonists.

SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.3526 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.3526. CONTINUING EDUCATION ON OPIOID OVERDOSES. As part of the continuing education programs under Section 1701.351(a), an officer shall complete the training program on opioid overdoses established under Section 1701.273.

SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date

1 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt
2 rules to implement the changes in law made by this Act.

3 SECTION 5. The minimum curriculum requirements under
4 Section 1701.253(u), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply
5 only to an officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on
6 or after January 1, 2026.

7 SECTION 6. Section 1701.3526, Occupations Code, as added by
8 this Act, applies only with respect to a 24-month continuing
9 education training unit that begins on or after the effective date
10 of this Act. A training unit that begins before the effective date
11 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the training
12 unit began, and the former law is continued in effect for that
13 purpose.

14 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.