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S.B. No. 1473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to providing for public safety during interactions between
3 law enforcement officers and persons with mental impairments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

7 (g) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency
8 certificate, an officer must complete an education and training
9 program established by the commission on de-escalation and crisis
10 intervention techniques with persons with mental impairments.

11 (h) As a requirement for an advanced or a master proficiency
12 certificate, an officer must obtain a certification established by
13 the commission under Section 1701.404 for officers for mental
14 health assignments.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.