

1-1 By: Lindsay S.B. No. 1473
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1473 By: Williams

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the provision of education and training programs for
1-11 law enforcement officers regarding persons with mental
1-12 impairments.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Bob Meadours
1-15 Act."

1-16 SECTION 2. Section 96.641, Education Code, is amended by
1-17 adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

1-18 (1) As part of the initial training and continuing education
1-19 for police chiefs required under this section, the institute shall
1-20 establish a program on de-escalation and crisis intervention
1-21 techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental
1-22 impairments. The program must include an examination of the best
1-23 practices for:

1-24 (1) monitoring peace officers' compliance with
1-25 internal agency policies relating to de-escalation and crisis
1-26 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons
1-27 with mental impairments; and

1-28 (2) implementing internal agency policies relating to
1-29 those techniques.

1-30 SECTION 3. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
1-31 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-32 (j) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
1-33 commission shall require an officer to complete a statewide
1-34 education and training program on de-escalation and crisis
1-35 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons
1-36 with mental impairments. An officer shall complete the program not
1-37 later than the second anniversary of the date the officer is
1-38 licensed under this chapter or the date the officer applies for an
1-39 intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier.

1-40 SECTION 4. Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended
1-41 by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-42 (g) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency
1-43 certificate or an advanced proficiency certificate, an officer must
1-44 complete the education and training program described by Section
1-45 1701.253 regarding de-escalation and crisis intervention
1-46 techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental
1-47 impairments.

1-48 SECTION 5. Not later than January 1, 2006, the Bill
1-49 Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas shall
1-50 establish a program on de-escalation and crisis intervention
1-51 techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental
1-52 impairments as required by Subsection (1), Section 96.641,
1-53 Education Code, as added by this Act.

1-54 SECTION 6. (a) An individual appointed or elected as a
1-55 police chief before the effective date of this Act shall complete a
1-56 program on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques to
1-57 facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments
1-58 established under Subsection (1), Section 96.641, Education Code,
1-59 as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2007.

1-60 (b) A person who, on September 1, 2005, holds an
1-61 intermediate proficiency certificate or an advanced proficiency
1-62 certificate issued under Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, or has
1-63 held a peace officer license issued by the Commission on Law

2-1 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for more than two years
2-2 shall complete an educational training program on de-escalation and
2-3 crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with
2-4 persons with mental impairments as required by Sections 1701.253
2-5 and 1701.402, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, not later
2-6 than September 1, 2007.
2-7 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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