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H.B. No. 3341

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3341:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to initial and continuing education and training for peace officers and recruits relating to the trafficking of persons.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

(k) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall establish an education and training program relating to the trafficking of persons for recruits and officers. The commission shall develop learning and performance objectives for the education and training program required by this subsection in consultation with national and state experts in the field of the trafficking of persons. The education and training program must:

(1) to the extent the commission considers appropriate and practicable, be presented by persons who have:

(A) expertise relating to the trafficking of persons; and

(B) experience delivering direct services to victims of trafficking; and

(2) include instruction regarding the following topics as they relate to the trafficking of persons:

(A) the substance of Chapter 20A, Penal Code;

(B) the identification of occurrences of trafficking;

1 (C) communication with traumatized persons;

2 (D) therapeutically appropriate investigative
3 techniques;

4 (E) collaboration with federal law enforcement
5 officials;

6 (F) the rights and protections afforded to
7 victims of trafficking;

8 (G) the provision of documentation to satisfy any
9 requirements imposed on a peace officer by federal law relating to
10 certifying that a person is a victim of trafficking; and

11 (H) the availability of community resources to
12 assist victims of trafficking.

13 (l) A recruit must complete a program established under
14 Subsection (k) before the person may be licensed as an officer under
15 this chapter.

16 SECTION 2. Section 1701.352, Occupations Code, is amended
17 by adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

18 (f-1) The commission shall require a person who is licensed
19 under this chapter on September 1, 2007, to complete an education
20 and training program on the trafficking of persons described by
21 Section 1701.253(k) not later than December 1, 2011. The program
22 must be available to the officers on the Internet. This subsection
23 expires September 1, 2012.

24 SECTION 3. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
25 Standards and Education shall develop and make available the
26 education and training program required by Section 1701.253(k),
27 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1,

1 2007.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.