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H.B. No. 3341

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.352, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The commission shall require each peace officer to complete, at least once every 48 months, an education and training program relating to the trafficking of persons. The attorney general 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 attorney general shall administer the education and training program or certify other entities to administer the program. The education and training program must:

(1) to the extent the attorney general 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;

- 1 (B) the identification of occurrences of
2 trafficking;
- 3 (C) communication with traumatized persons;
- 4 (D) therapeutically appropriate investigative
5 techniques;
- 6 (E) collaboration with federal law enforcement
7 officials;
- 8 (F) the rights and protections afforded to
9 victims of trafficking;
- 10 (G) the provision of documentation to satisfy any
11 requirements imposed on a peace officer by federal law relating to
12 certifying that a person is a victim of trafficking; and
- 13 (H) the availability of community resources to
14 assist victims of trafficking.

15 SECTION 2. The attorney general shall develop and make
16 available to peace officers the education and training program
17 required by Section 1701.352(g), Occupations Code, as added by this
18 Act, not later than December 1, 2007.

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