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S.B. No. 720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the continuing education requirements for chiefs of  
3 police.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 96.641(b) and (d), Education Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Each police chief must receive at least 40 hours of  
8 continuing education provided by the institute under this section  
9 each 24-month period. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer  
10 Standards and Education by rule shall establish a uniform 24-month  
11 continuing education training period.

12 (d) A newly appointed or elected police chief shall complete  
13 the initial training program for new chiefs not later than the  
14 second anniversary of that individual's appointment or election as  
15 chief. The initial training program for new chiefs is in addition  
16 to the initial training and continuing education required by  
17 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code [~~415, Government Code~~]. The  
18 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education by  
19 rule shall establish that the first continuing education training  
20 period for an individual under Subsection (b) begins on the first  
21 day of the first uniform continuing education training period that  
22 follows [~~The first 24-month period begins under Subsection (b) for~~  
23 ~~an individual who completes the initial training program for new~~  
24 ~~chiefs on the first anniversary of]~~ the date the individual

1 completed the initial training program.

2 SECTION 2. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer  
3 Standards and Education by rule shall provide an orderly transition  
4 for chiefs of police to a uniform continuing education training  
5 period under Section 96.641, Education Code, as amended by this  
6 Act.

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