

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for peace officers relating to the trafficking of persons.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.2535 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.2535. TRAINING PROGRAMS: TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS.

(a) The commission shall design and establish a one-time basic education and training program and an advanced education and training program relating to the trafficking of persons. Each program must include a review of the substance of Sections 20A.02 and 43.05, Penal Code.

(b) The basic education and training program must consist of at least four hours of training and must be made available through at least two of the following alternative methods:

(1) live presentation;

(2) online presentation;

(3) video presentation; and

(4) regional distance learning presentation.

(c) The commission shall:

(1) require each peace officer to complete the basic education and training program; and

(2) make available to each peace officer on a voluntary basis the advanced education and training program.

1       (d) Not later than September 1, 2012, a peace officer who  
2 holds a license issued by the commission before September 1, 2007,  
3 shall complete the basic education and training program relating to  
4 the trafficking of persons required by this section. This  
5 subsection expires September 1, 2013.

6       (e) Not later than January 1, 2008, the commission shall  
7 begin offering the basic and advanced programs established under  
8 this section. This subsection expires September 1, 2008.

9       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.