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S.B. No. 1285

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 Subsections (g) and (g-1) to read as follows:

(g) The commission shall:

(1) require each peace officer to complete a one-time basic education and training program relating to the trafficking of persons that includes a review of the substance of Sections 20A.02 and 43.05, Penal Code; and

(2) make available to each peace officer a voluntary advanced education and training program relating to the trafficking of persons that includes a review of the substance of Sections 20A.02 and 43.05, Penal Code.

(g-1) Not later than September 1, 2012, a peace officer who holds a license issued by the commission before September 1, 2007, shall complete the basic education and training program relating to the trafficking of persons required by Subsection (g). This subsection expires September 1, 2013.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 96, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 96.642 to read as follows:

Sec. 96.642. EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS. (a) The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement

1 Management Institute of Texas shall design and establish a basic  
2 education and training program and an advanced education and  
3 training program relating to the trafficking of persons. Each  
4 program must include a review of the substance of Sections 20A.02  
5 and 43.05, Penal Code.

6 (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, the institute shall  
7 begin offering the programs established under this section to peace  
8 officers required by other law to complete a basic education and  
9 training program relating to the trafficking of persons or required  
10 or allowed by other law to complete an advanced education and  
11 training program relating to the trafficking of persons. This  
12 subsection expires September 1, 2008.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.