

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 2991
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires retired special rangers and retired special Texas Rangers to attend mandated crisis intervention training. Special Rangers and special Texas Rangers are exempted under Section 1701.356 (Certain Officers: Reactivation and Continuing Education Not Required), Occupations Code, from most training requirements because they are retired. This bill exempts special rangers and special Texas Rangers from the required education and training program on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques designed to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments.

C.S.H.B. 2991 relates to an exemption for certain honorably retired special rangers and special Texas Rangers from certain required law enforcement education and training programs regarding persons with mental impairments.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Provides that this Act shall be known as the Hal Wyatt Act.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1701.356, Occupations Code, by adding Subsection (c), to prohibit an honorably retired commissioned officer of the Department of Public Safety who is a special ranger under Section 411.023 (Special Rangers), Government Code, or who is a special Texas Ranger under Section 411.024 (Special Texas Rangers), Government Code, from being required to undergo training under Section 1701.253(j) (relating to a statewide education and training program on de-escalation and crisis intervention).

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.