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H.B. No. 3748

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3748:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3748

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to continuing education requirements for law enforcement
3 officers relating to interaction with persons with mental
4 impairments.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1701.352, Occupations Code, is amended
7 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) The commission shall require a state, county, special
10 district, or municipal agency that appoints or employs peace
11 officers to provide each peace officer with a training program at
12 least once every 48 months that is approved by the commission and
13 consists of:

14 (1) topics selected by the agency; and
15 (2) not more than 20 hours of education and training
16 that contain curricula incorporating the learning objectives
17 developed by the commission regarding:

18 (A) civil rights, racial sensitivity, and
19 cultural diversity; ~~and~~

20 (B) de-escalation and crisis intervention
21 techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental
22 impairments; and

23 (C) unless determined by the agency head to be
24 inconsistent with the officer's assigned duties:

1 (i) the recognition and documentation of
2 cases that involve child abuse or neglect, family violence, and
3 sexual assault; and

4 (ii) issues concerning sex offender
5 characteristics.

6 (g) The training and education program on de-escalation and
7 crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with
8 persons with mental impairments under Subsection (b)(2)(B):

9 (1) must be not less than eight hours every 48 months;
10 and

11 (2) may not be provided as an online course.

12 SECTION 2. The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
13 Standards and Education shall modify the training program required
14 by Section 1701.352(b), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act,
15 and ensure that the modified program is available not later than
16 January 1, 2010.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.