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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(b), Occupations Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

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

13 (1) topics selected by the agency; ~~and~~
14 (2) four hours of education and training described by
15 Section 1701.253(j); and

16 (3) not more than 20 hours of education and training
17 that contain curricula incorporating the learning objectives
18 developed by the commission regarding:

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

21 (B) unless determined by the agency head to be
22 inconsistent with the officer's assigned duties:

23 (i) the recognition and documentation of
24 cases that involve child abuse or neglect, family violence, and

1 sexual assault; and

2 (ii) issues concerning sex offender
3 characteristics.

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

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