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H.B. No. 3770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the continuing education and intermediate proficiency
3 certificate requirements of peace officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

7 (k) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
8 commission shall establish a statewide comprehensive education and
9 training program for officers licensed under this chapter that
10 covers the laws of this state and of the United States pertaining to
11 peace officers.

12 SECTION 2. Section 1701.351, Occupations Code, is amended
13 by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

14 (a-1) As part of the continuing education programs under
15 Subsection (a), a peace officer must complete a training and
16 education program that covers recent changes to the laws of this
17 state and of the United States pertaining to peace officers.

18 SECTION 3. Section 1701.352(b), Occupations Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b) The commission shall require a state, county, special
21 district, or municipal agency that appoints or employs peace
22 officers to provide each peace officer with a training program at
23 least once every 48 months that is approved by the commission [~~and~~
24 ~~consists of.~~

1 ~~[(1) topics selected by the agency, and~~

2 ~~[(2) not more than 20 hours of education and training~~
3 ~~that contain curricula incorporating the learning objectives~~
4 ~~developed by the commission regarding:~~

5 ~~[(A) civil rights, racial sensitivity, and~~
6 ~~cultural diversity; and~~

7 ~~[(B) unless determined by the agency head to be~~
8 ~~inconsistent with the officer's assigned duties:~~

9 ~~[(i) the recognition and documentation of~~
10 ~~cases that involve child abuse or neglect, family violence, and~~
11 ~~sexual assault; and~~

12 ~~[(ii) issues concerning sex offender~~
13 ~~characteristics].~~

14 SECTION 4. Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended
15 by adding Subsections (h) and (i) to read as follows:

16 (h) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency
17 certificate, an officer must complete an education and training
18 program on investigative topics established by the commission under
19 Section 1701.253(b).

20 (i) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency
21 certificate, an officer must complete an education and training
22 program on civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity
23 established by the commission under Section 1701.253(c).

24 SECTION 5. Sections 1701.352(e) and (f), Occupations Code,
25 are repealed.

26 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.