

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 1676
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2011; March 23, 2011, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
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1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to educational and training requirements for certain peace
1-9 officers on ethical decision making.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 1701.260 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 1701.260. EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS ON ETHICAL
1-14 DECISION MAKING. (a) The commission by rule shall require an
1-15 officer to complete an eight-hour training program on ethical
1-16 decision making once during the year beginning on September 1,
1-17 2012, and once every 24 months for the two Commission on Law
1-18 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education training cycles
1-19 beginning September 1, 2013.

1-20 (b) The program described by Subsection (a) must be approved
1-21 by the commission and shall be conducted by the governmental entity
1-22 that employs the officer. The program must include education and
1-23 training on:

1-24 (1) identification of ethical dilemmas in law
1-25 enforcement;

1-26 (2) stress inoculation, de-escalation, and crisis
1-27 management techniques;

1-28 (3) principles of ethics and decision making in law
1-29 enforcement as they relate to use of force;

1-30 (4) public accountability and police professionalism;
1-31 and

1-32 (5) application in scenario-based ethical dilemmas.

1-33 (c) A trainer of a course described by this section may use
1-34 curriculum and instructional materials developed by the
1-35 commission, a governmental entity conducting a course, and an
1-36 entity that has a training agreement with the commission.

1-37 (d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

1-38 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Commission
1-39 on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall adopt the
1-40 rules necessary to implement Section 1701.260, Occupations Code, as
1-41 added by this Act.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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