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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the change of the name of the Commission on Law
- 3 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to the Texas Commission
- 4 on Law Enforcement.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 ARTICLE 1. CHANGING THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 7 OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW
- 8 ENFORCEMENT
- 9 SECTION 1.01. Subdivision (1), Section 1701.001,
- 10 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 (1) "Commission" means the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law
- 12 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- SECTION 1.02. Section 1701.002, Occupations Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1701.002. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The Texas
- 16 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] is
- 17 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless
- 18 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the commission
- 19 is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2021.
- SECTION 1.03. Subchapter A, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code,
- 21 is amended by adding Section 1701.004 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1701.004. REFERENCE TO COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 23 OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION. A reference in law to the
- 24 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education or

- 1 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
- 2 Education means the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
- 3 SECTION 1.04. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 1701,
- 4 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT [OFFICER
- 6 STANDARDS AND EDUCATION]
- 7 SECTION 1.05. Subsection (a), Section 1701.051,
- 8 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (a) The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 10 Standards and Education is an agency of this state and consists of
- 11 nine members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent
- 12 of the senate as follows:
- 13 (1) three members who are sheriffs, constables, or
- 14 chiefs of police;
- 15 (2) three members who:
- 16 (A) are licensed under this chapter, two of whom
- 17 are peace officers who, at the time of appointment, hold
- 18 nonsupervisory positions with a law enforcement agency; and
- 19 (B) have been licensed under this chapter for the
- 20 five years preceding the date of appointment; and
- 21 (3) three members who represent the public.
- 22 ARTICLE 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS
- 23 SECTION 2.01. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace
- 26 officers:
- 27 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve

- 1 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
- 2 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- 3 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve
- 4 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued
- 5 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- 6 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
- 7 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
- 8 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
- 9 1701, Occupations Code;
- 10 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public
- 11 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public
- 12 Safety;
- 13 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal
- 14 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;
- 15 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
- 16 Beverage Commission;
- 17 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
- 18 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;
- 19 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
- 20 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
- 21 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
- 22 Commission;
- 23 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
- 24 Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- 25 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
- 26 with a population of more than 1.18 million located primarily in a
- 27 county with a population of 2 million or more that operates an

- 1 airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- 2 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
- 3 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
- 4 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that
- 5 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;
- 6 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
- 7 security officers;
- 8 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
- 9 as peace officers by the comptroller;
- 10 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and
- 11 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
- 12 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
- 13 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
- 14 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
- 15 Board;
- 16 (18) officers commissioned by:
- 17 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
- 18 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
- 19 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District
- 20 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code; and
- 21 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
- 22 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
- 23 Laws Code;
- 24 (19) county park rangers commissioned under
- 25 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
- 26 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
- 27 Commission;

- 1 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
- 2 Occupations Code;
- 3 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
- 4 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
- 5 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
- 6 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
- 7 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney
- 8 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
- 9 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned
- 10 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;
- 11 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State
- 12 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;
- 13 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under
- 14 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
- 15 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
- 16 under Chapter 417, Government Code;
- 17 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
- 18 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
- 19 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general
- 20 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers
- 21 under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;
- 22 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of
- 23 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
- 24 Government Code;
- 25 (31) investigators commissioned by the <u>Texas</u>
- 26 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education]
- 27 under Section 1701.160, Occupations Code;

- 1 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
- 2 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),
- 3 Occupations Code;
- 4 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or
- 5 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under
- 6 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
- 7 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of
- 8 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
- 9 to the limitations imposed by that section;
- 10 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile
- 11 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human
- 12 Resources Code; and
- 13 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,
- 14 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
- 15 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.
- SECTION 2.02. Subsection (e), Article 2.121, Code of
- 17 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (e) A person may not serve as a railroad peace officer for a
- 19 railroad company unless:
- 20 (1) the Texas Railroad Association submits the
- 21 person's application for appointment and certification as a
- 22 railroad peace officer to the director of the Department of Public
- 23 Safety and to the executive director of the Texas Commission on Law
- 24 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education];
- 25 (2) the director of the department issues the person a
- 26 certificate of authority to act as a railroad peace officer; and
- 27 (3) the executive director of the commission

- 1 determines that the person meets minimum standards required of
- 2 peace officers by the commission relating to competence,
- 3 reliability, education, training, morality, and physical and
- 4 mental health and issues the person a license as a railroad peace
- 5 officer; and
- 6 (4) the person has met all standards for certification
- 7 as a peace officer by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law Enforcement
- 8 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 9 SECTION 2.03. Subsection (e), Article 2.125, Code of
- 10 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 (e) A person may not serve as a special ranger unless:
- 12 (1) the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers
- 13 Association submits the person's application for appointment and
- 14 certification as a special ranger to the director of the Department
- 15 of Public Safety and to the executive director of the Texas
- 16 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education];
- 17 (2) the director of the department issues the person a
- 18 certificate of authority to act as a special ranger;
- 19 (3) the executive director of the commission
- 20 determines that the person meets minimum standards required of
- 21 peace officers by the commission relating to competence,
- 22 reliability, education, training, morality, and physical and
- 23 mental health and issues the person a license as a special ranger;
- 24 and
- 25 (4) the person has met all standards for certification
- 26 as a peace officer by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law Enforcement
- 27 [Officer Standards and Education].

- 1 SECTION 2.04. Subsection (e), Article 2.126, Code of
- 2 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 (e) Any person commissioned under this article must:
- 4 (1) meet the minimum standards required of peace
- 5 officers by the commission relating to competence, reliability,
- 6 education, training, morality, and physical and mental health; and
- 7 (2) meet all standards for certification as a peace
- 8 officer by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 9 Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.05. Subsections (b) and (g), Article 2.132, Code
- 11 of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
- 12 (b) Each law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt a
- 13 detailed written policy on racial profiling. The policy must:
- 14 (1) clearly define acts constituting racial
- 15 profiling;
- 16 (2) strictly prohibit peace officers employed by the
- 17 agency from engaging in racial profiling;
- 18 (3) implement a process by which an individual may
- 19 file a complaint with the agency if the individual believes that a
- 20 peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial
- 21 profiling with respect to the individual;
- 22 (4) provide public education relating to the agency's
- 23 complaint process;
- 24 (5) require appropriate corrective action to be taken
- 25 against a peace officer employed by the agency who, after an
- 26 investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in
- 27 violation of the agency's policy adopted under this article;

- 1 (6) require collection of information relating to
- 2 motor vehicle stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests
- 3 made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
- 4 (A) the race or ethnicity of the individual
- 5 detained;
- 6 (B) whether a search was conducted and, if so,
- 7 whether the individual detained consented to the search; and
- 8 (C) whether the peace officer knew the race or
- 9 ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that
- 10 individual; and
- 11 (7) require the chief administrator of the agency,
- 12 regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or
- 13 appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected
- 14 under Subdivision (6) to:
- 15 (A) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 16 [Officer Standards and Education]; and
- 17 (B) the governing body of each county or
- 18 municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a
- 19 county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.
- 20 (g) On a finding by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 21 [Officer Standards and Education] that the chief administrator of a
- 22 law enforcement agency intentionally failed to submit a report
- 23 required under Subsection (b)(7), the commission shall begin
- 24 disciplinary procedures against the chief administrator.
- 25 SECTION 2.06. Subsections (b), (e), and (g), Article 2.134,
- 26 Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:
- (b) A law enforcement agency shall compile and analyze the

- 1 information contained in each report received by the agency under
- 2 Article 2.133. Not later than March 1 of each year, each law
- 3 enforcement agency shall submit a report containing the
- 4 incident-based data compiled during the previous calendar year to
- 5 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 6 Education] and, if the law enforcement agency is a local law
- 7 enforcement agency, to the governing body of each county or
- 8 municipality served by the agency.
- 9 (e) The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 10 Standards and Education], in accordance with Section 1701.162,
- 11 Occupations Code, shall develop guidelines for compiling and
- 12 reporting information as required by this article.
- 13 (g) On a finding by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 14 [Officer Standards and Education] that the chief administrator of a
- 15 law enforcement agency intentionally failed to submit a report
- 16 required under Subsection (b), the commission shall begin
- 17 disciplinary procedures against the chief administrator.
- 18 SECTION 2.07. Subsection (m), Article 15.27, Code of
- 19 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 (m) If the superintendent of a school district in which the
- 21 student is enrolled learns of a failure of the head of a law
- 22 enforcement agency or a person designated by the head of the agency
- 23 to provide a notification under Subsection (a), the superintendent
- 24 or principal shall report the failure to notify to the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$
- 25 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.08. Subdivision (23), Section 1, Article 18.20,
- 27 Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (23) "Member of a law enforcement unit specially
- 2 trained to respond to and deal with life-threatening situations"
- 3 means a peace officer who, as evidenced by the submission of
- 4 appropriate documentation to the Texas Commission on Law
- 5 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education]:
- 6 (A) receives a minimum of 40 hours a year of
- 7 training in hostage and barricade suspect situations; or
- 8 (B) has received a minimum of 24 hours of
- 9 training on kidnapping investigations and is:
- 10 (i) the sheriff of a county with a
- 11 population of 3.3 million or more or the sheriff's designee; or
- 12 (ii) the police chief of a police
- 13 department in a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more or
- 14 the police chief's designee.
- 15 SECTION 2.09. Article 42.011, Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 16 is amended to read as follows:
- 17 Art. 42.011. JUDGMENT AFFECTING AN OFFICER OR JAILER. If a
- 18 person licensed under Chapter 1701, Occupations [415, Government]
- 19 Code, is charged with the commission of a felony and a court that
- 20 knows the person is licensed under that chapter convicts the person
- 21 or places the person on community supervision, the clerk of the
- 22 court shall send the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 23 Standards and Education], by mail or electronically, the license
- 24 number of the person and a certified copy of the court's judgment
- 25 reflecting that the person has been convicted or placed on
- 26 community supervision.
- SECTION 2.10. Subsection (h), Article 102.022, Code of

- 1 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (h) The comptroller shall deposit the funds received under
- 3 this article to the credit of the Civil Justice Data Repository fund
- 4 in the general revenue fund, to be used only by the Texas Commission
- 5 on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] to implement
- 6 duties under Section 1701.162, Occupations Code.
- 7 SECTION 2.11. Subsections (f) and (h), Section 37.081,
- 8 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 9 (f) The chief of police of the school district police
- 10 department shall be accountable to the superintendent and shall
- 11 report to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.
- 12 School district police officers shall be supervised by the chief of
- 13 police of the school district or the chief of police's designee and
- 14 shall be licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 15 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 16 (h) A peace officer assigned to duty and commissioned under
- 17 this section shall take and file the oath required of peace officers
- 18 and shall execute and file a bond in the sum of \$1,000, payable to
- 19 the board of trustees, with two or more sureties, conditioned that
- 20 the peace officer will fairly, impartially, and faithfully perform
- 21 all the duties that may be required of the peace officer by law. The
- 22 bond may be sued on in the name of any person injured until the whole
- 23 amount of the bond is recovered. Any peace officer commissioned
- 24 under this section must meet all minimum standards for peace
- 25 officers established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 26 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 27 SECTION 2.12. Subsection (e), Section 51.203, Education

- 1 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (e) Any person commissioned under this Act must be a
- 3 certified police officer under the requirements of the Texas
- 4 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officers and Standards].
- 5 SECTION 2.13. Subsection (f), Section 51.214, Education
- 6 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 (f) A person may not be commissioned under this section
- 8 unless the person obtains a peace officer license issued by the
- 9 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 10 Education]. The employing medical corporation or parent
- 11 corporation shall pay to the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement
- 12 [Officer Standards and Education] on behalf of an employee any fees
- 13 that are necessary to obtain a required license.
- SECTION 2.14. Subsection (g), Section 54.352, Education
- 15 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 (g) In this section, "injury suffered during the
- 17 performance of a duty as a peace officer" means an injury occurring
- 18 as a result of the peace officer's performance of any of the
- 19 following law enforcement duties:
- 20 (1) traffic enforcement or traffic control duties,
- 21 including enforcement of traffic laws, investigation of vehicle
- 22 accidents, or directing traffic;
- 23 (2) pursuit, arrest, or search of a person reasonably
- 24 believed to have violated a law;
- 25 (3) investigation, including undercover
- 26 investigation, of a criminal act;
- 27 (4) patrol duties, including automobile, bicycle,

- 1 foot, air, or horse patrol;
- 2 (5) duties related to the transfer of prisoners; or
- 3 (6) training duties, including participation in any
- 4 training required by the officer's employer or supervisor or by the
- 5 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 6 Education].
- 7 SECTION 2.15. Section 88.103, Education Code, is amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 88.103. ENFORCEMENT; APPOINTMENT OF PEACE OFFICERS.
- 10 The director may appoint not to exceed 25 employees of the Texas
- 11 Forest Service who are certified by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law
- 12 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] as qualified to be
- 13 peace officers to serve as peace officers under the direction of the
- 14 director in executing the enforcement duties of that agency. The
- 15 appointments must be approved by the board which shall commission
- 16 the appointees as peace officers. Any officer commissioned under
- 17 this section is vested with all the powers, privileges, and
- 18 immunities of peace officers in the performance of the officer's
- 19 duties. The officer shall take the oath required of peace officers.
- SECTION 2.16. Subsections (a), (b), and (d), Section
- 21 96.641, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 22 (a) The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute
- 23 of Texas shall establish and offer a program of initial training and
- 24 a program of continuing education for police chiefs. The
- 25 curriculum for each program must relate to law enforcement
- 26 management issues. The institute shall develop the curriculum for
- 27 the programs. The curriculum must be approved by the Texas

- 1 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 2 (b) Each police chief must receive at least 40 hours of
- 3 continuing education provided by the institute under this section
- 4 each 24-month period. The <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement
- 5 [Officer Standards and Education] by rule shall establish a uniform
- 6 24-month continuing education training period.
- 7 (d) A newly appointed or elected police chief shall complete
- 8 the initial training program for new chiefs not later than the
- 9 second anniversary of that individual's appointment or election as
- 10 chief. The initial training program for new chiefs is in addition
- 11 to the initial training and continuing education required by
- 12 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code. The <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law
- 13 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] by rule shall
- 14 establish that the first continuing education training period for
- 15 an individual under Subsection (b) begins on the first day of the
- 16 first uniform continuing education training period that follows the
- 17 date the individual completed the initial training program.
- SECTION 2.17. Subsection (f), Section 32.075, Election
- 19 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 (f) A person is eligible for appointment as a special peace
- 21 officer under Subsection (b) only if the person is licensed as a
- 22 peace officer by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 23 Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.18. Subsection (j), Section 25.1312, Government
- 25 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 26 (j) Not later than one year after the date of appointment,
- 27 the bailiff of a statutory county court must have received a peace

- 1 officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, [415] from
- 2 the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [<del>Officer Standards and</del>
- 3 Education]. The sheriff of Kaufman County shall deputize the
- 4 bailiff of a statutory county court. The bailiff of a statutory
- 5 county court is subject to the training and continuing education
- 6 requirements of a sheriff's deputy of the county. The sheriff shall
- 7 remove from office a bailiff who does not receive a peace officer
- 8 license within one year of appointment as required by this
- 9 subsection.
- 10 SECTION 2.19. Subsection (j), Section 25.2012, Government
- 11 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 12 (j) Not later than one year after the date of appointment,
- 13 the bailiff of a county court at law must obtain a peace officer
- 14 license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, from the Texas
- 15 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 16 The sheriff of Rockwall County shall deputize the bailiff of a
- 17 county court at law. The bailiff of a county court at law is subject
- 18 to the training and continuing education requirements of a
- 19 sheriff's deputy of the county. The sheriff shall remove from
- 20 office a bailiff who does not receive a peace officer license within
- 21 one year of appointment as required by this subsection.
- SECTION 2.20. Subsection (e), Section 53.004, Government
- 23 Code, as amended by Chapters 385 (H.B. 1252) and 430 (H.B. 1108),
- 24 Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, is reenacted
- 25 and amended to read as follows:
- 26 (e) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in a district
- 27 court in Midland County, for the 355th District Court, or under

- 1 Section 53.001(g), a person must be at least 21 years old and hold a
- 2 peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, [415]
- 3 from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 4 Education]. This subsection does not apply to a person serving as
- 5 bailiff of a court described by Section 53.001(g) on September 1,
- 6 1991.
- 7 SECTION 2.21. Subsection (c), Section 53.091, Government
- 8 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 (c) A person may not be commissioned as a peace officer
- 10 under this section unless the person meets all standards for
- 11 licensing as a peace officer by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law
- 12 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.22. Section 76.0051, Government Code, is amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 76.0051. AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY WEAPON. An officer is
- 16 authorized to carry a weapon while engaged in the actual discharge
- 17 of the officer's duties only if:
- 18 (1) the officer possesses a certificate of firearms
- 19 proficiency issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 20 [Officer Standards and Education] under Section 1701.257,
- 21 Occupations Code; and
- 22 (2) the director of the department agrees to the
- 23 authorization.
- SECTION 2.23. Section 411.112, Government Code, is amended
- 25 to read as follows:
- Sec. 411.112. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
- 27 INFORMATION: TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT [OFFICER

- 1 STANDARDS AND EDUCATION]. The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 2 [Officer Standards and Education] is entitled to obtain from the
- 3 department criminal history record information maintained by the
- 4 department that relates to a person who is:
- 5 (1) an applicant for a license under Chapter 1701,
- 6 Occupations Code; or
- 7 (2) the holder of a license under that chapter.
- 8 SECTION 2.24. Subsection (a), Section 411.1882, Government
- 9 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 (a) A person who is serving in this state as a judge or
- 11 justice of a federal court, as an active judicial officer, as
- 12 defined by Section 411.201, or as a district attorney, assistant
- 13 district attorney, criminal district attorney, assistant criminal
- 14 district attorney, county attorney, or assistant county attorney
- 15 may establish handgun proficiency for the purposes of this
- 16 subchapter by obtaining from a handgun proficiency instructor
- 17 approved by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 18 Standards and Education of purposes of Section 1702.1675,
- 19 Occupations Code, a sworn statement that:
- 20 (1) indicates that the person, during the 12-month
- 21 period preceding the date of the person's application to the
- 22 department, demonstrated to the instructor proficiency in the use
- 23 of handguns; and
- 24 (2) designates the categories of handguns with respect
- 25 to which the person demonstrated proficiency.
- SECTION 2.25. Subsection (a), Section 411.190, Government
- 27 Code, is amended to read as follows:

- 1 (a) The director may certify as a qualified handgung
- 2 instructor a person who:
- 3 (1) is certified by the Texas Commission on Law
- 4 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] or under Chapter
- 5 1702, Occupations Code, to instruct others in the use of handguns;
- 6 (2) regularly instructs others in the use of handguns
- 7 and has graduated from a handgun instructor school that uses a
- 8 nationally accepted course designed to train persons as handgun
- 9 instructors; or
- 10 (3) is certified by the National Rifle Association of
- 11 America as a handgun instructor.
- 12 SECTION 2.26. Subsection (a), Section 421.021, Government
- 13 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 (a) The Homeland Security Council is composed of the
- 15 governor or the governor's designee, the speaker of the house of
- 16 representatives or the speaker's designee, the lieutenant governor
- 17 or the lieutenant governor's designee, and one representative of
- 18 each of the following entities, appointed by the single statewide
- 19 elected or appointed governing officer, administrative head, or
- 20 chair, as appropriate, of the entity:
- 21 (1) Department of Agriculture;
- 22 (2) office of the attorney general;
- 23 (3) General Land Office;
- 24 (4) Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- 25 (5) Department of State Health Services;
- 26 (6) Department of Information Resources;
- 27 (7) Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;

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                     Texas Forest Service; and
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                     Texas Water Development Board.
          SECTION 2.27.
                         Section 493.019, Government Code, is amended
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   to read as follows:
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          Sec. 493.019. ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. The inspector general
   may appoint employees who are certified by the Texas Commission on
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   Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] as qualified to
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- 1 be peace officers to serve under the direction of the inspector
- 2 general and assist the inspector general in performing the
- 3 enforcement duties of the department.
- 4 SECTION 2.28. Subsection (d), Section 494.008, Government
- 5 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 (d) An employee described by Subsection (a) may not be
- 7 considered a peace officer for any purposes other than those
- 8 specified under this section and is not required to be certified by
- 9 the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 10 Education].
- SECTION 2.29. Section 497.031, Government Code, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 497.031. SALE OF STATE FLAGS TO STATE AGENCY. The
- 14 department shall sell state flags to the Texas Commission on Law
- 15 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] at a price that does
- 16 not exceed the department's cost in producing or obtaining the
- 17 state flags.
- SECTION 2.30. Subsections (f) and (i), Section 511.0092,
- 19 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 20 (f) A county, municipality, or private vendor operating
- 21 under a contract described by Subsection (b) shall:
- 22 (1) send a copy of the contract to the commission;
- 23 (2) require all employees at the facility to maintain
- 24 certification as required by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law
- 25 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education];
- 26 (3) submit to inspections by the commission; and
- 27 (4) immediately notify the commission of any riot,

- 1 rebellion, escape, or other emergency situation occurring at the
- 2 facility.
- 3 (i) Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, does not apply to an
- 4 employee of a facility in the actual discharge of duties as an
- 5 employee of the facility if the employee is required by Subsection
- 6 (f)(2) [<del>or by Section 1701.406, Occupations Code,</del>] to maintain
- 7 certification from the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 8 Standards and Education].
- 9 SECTION 2.31. Section 615.003, Government Code, is amended
- 10 to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 615.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies only to
- 12 eligible survivors of the following individuals:
- 13 (1) an individual elected, appointed, or employed as a
- 14 peace officer by the state or a political subdivision of the state
- 15 under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law;
- 16 (2) a paid probation officer appointed by the director
- 17 of a community supervision and corrections department who has the
- 18 duties set out in Section 76.002 and the qualifications set out in
- 19 Section 76.005, or who was appointed in accordance with prior law;
- 20 (3) a parole officer employed by the Texas Department
- 21 of Criminal Justice who has the duties set out in Section 508.001
- 22 and the qualifications set out in Section 508.113 or in prior law;
- 23 (4) a paid jailer;
- 24 (5) a member of an organized police reserve or
- 25 auxiliary unit who regularly assists peace officers in enforcing
- 26 criminal laws;
- 27 (6) a member of the class of employees of the

- 1 correctional institutions division formally designated as
- 2 custodial personnel under Section 615.006 by the Texas Board of
- 3 Criminal Justice or its predecessor in function;
- 4 (7) a jailer or guard of a county jail who is appointed
- 5 by the sheriff and who:
- 6 (A) performs a security, custodial, or
- 7 supervisory function over the admittance, confinement, or
- 8 discharge of prisoners; and
- 9 (B) is certified by the Texas Commission on Law
- 10 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education];
- 11 (8) a juvenile correctional employee of the Texas
- 12 <u>Juvenile Justice Department [Youth Commission]</u>;
- 13 (9) an employee of the Department of Aging and
- 14 Disability Services or Department of State Health Services who:
- 15 (A) works at the department's maximum security
- 16 unit; or
- 17 (B) performs on-site services for the Texas
- 18 Department of Criminal Justice;
- 19 (10) an individual who is employed by the state or a
- 20 political or legal subdivision and is subject to certification by
- 21 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
- 22 (11) an individual employed by the state or a
- 23 political or legal subdivision whose principal duties are aircraft
- 24 crash and rescue fire fighting;
- 25 (12) a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting
- 26 unit that:
- 27 (A) renders fire-fighting services without

- 1 remuneration; and
- 2 (B) conducts a minimum of two drills each month,
- 3 each two hours long;
- 4 (13) an individual who:
- 5 (A) performs emergency medical services or
- 6 operates an ambulance;
- 7 (B) is employed by a political subdivision of the
- 8 state or is an emergency medical services volunteer as defined by
- 9 Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code; and
- 10 (C) is qualified as an emergency care attendant
- 11 or at a higher level of training under Section 773.046, 773.047,
- 12 773.048, 773.049, or 773.0495, Health and Safety Code;
- 13 (14) an individual who is employed or formally
- 14 designated as a chaplain for:
- 15 (A) an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit or
- 16 other fire department of this state or of a political subdivision of
- 17 this state;
- 18 (B) a law enforcement agency of this state or of a
- 19 political subdivision of this state; or
- 20 (C) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; or
- 21 (15) an individual who is employed by the state or a
- 22 political subdivision of the state and who is considered by the
- 23 governmental employer to be a trainee for a position otherwise
- 24 described by this section.
- SECTION 2.32. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 615.105,
- 26 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- (b) On the death of an individual listed in Subsection (a),

- 1 regardless of whether the individual died as a result of a personal
- 2 injury sustained in the line of duty as a peace officer, the
- 3 individual's next of kin may receive on request a state flag from
- 4 the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 5 Education].
- 6 (c) If the office of the governor is notified of the death of
- 7 an individual listed in Subsection (a) by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on
- 8 Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] under Section
- 9 1701.161, Occupations Code, the office of the governor shall send
- 10 to the individual's next of kin a certificate that expresses
- 11 condolences and gratitude on behalf of the governor and the people
- 12 of Texas for the individual's service as a Texas peace officer.
- 13 SECTION 2.33. Subsection (b), Section 659.1031, Government
- 14 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 15 (b) In this section, "eligible state employee organization"
- 16 means a state employee organization with a membership of at least
- 17 2,000 active or retired state employees who hold or who have held
- 18 certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 19 Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.34. Subdivision (9), Section 811.001, Government
- 21 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 22 (9) "Law enforcement officer" means a member of the
- 23 retirement system who:
- (A) has been commissioned as a law enforcement
- 25 officer by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic
- 26 Beverage Commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, or the
- 27 office of inspector general at the Texas Juvenile Justice

- 1 Department [Youth Commission]; and
- 2 (B) is recognized as a commissioned law
- 3 enforcement officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 4 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 5 SECTION 2.35. Section 2001.028, Government Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 2001.028. NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAW ENFORCEMENT RULES.
- 8 Notice of the adoption of a proposed rule by the Commission on Jail
- 9 Standards or the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 10 Standards and Education | that affects a law enforcement agency of
- 11 the state or of a political subdivision of the state is not
- 12 effective until the notice is:
- 13 (1) published as required by Section 2001.023; and
- (2) mailed to each law enforcement agency that may be
- 15 affected by the proposed rule.
- SECTION 2.36. Subsection (a), Section 2054.352, Government
- 17 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) The following licensing entities shall participate in
- 19 the system established under Section 2054.353:
- 20 (1) Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- 21 (2) Court Reporters Certification Board;
- 22 (3) State Board of Dental Examiners;
- 23 (4) Texas Funeral Service Commission;
- 24 (5) Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying;
- 25 (6) Texas Medical Board;
- 26 (7) Texas Board of Nursing;
- 27 (8) Texas Optometry Board;

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                    Department of Agriculture, for licenses issued
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   under Chapter 1951, Occupations Code;
               (10) Texas State Board of Pharmacy;
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                (11)
                     Executive Council of Physical
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   Occupational Therapy Examiners;
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                     Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners;
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                    Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners;
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                     Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists;
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                     State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners;
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                      Texas Real Estate Commission;
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                     Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification
   Board;
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                     Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;
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                     Texas State Board of Public Accountancy;
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                     State Board for Educator Certification;
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                     Texas Board of Professional Engineers;
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                     Department of State Health Services;
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                     Texas Board of Architectural Examiners;
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                     Texas Racing Commission;
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                     <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
   Standards and Education]; and
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               (26) Texas Private Security Board.
          SECTION 2.37. Subdivision
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                                                              3105.002,
   Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
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SECTION 2.38. Subsection (b), Section 431.2471, Health and

"Commission" means the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law

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Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].

- 1 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (b) The department may not employ a peace officer under this
- 3 section unless:
- 4 (1) the employee will enforce the food and drug
- 5 portions of this chapter;
- 6 (2) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 7 Standards and Education] certifies the employee as qualified to be
- 8 a peace officer;
- 9 (3) the commissioner recommends the employee to the
- 10 department as being qualified to enforce the food and drug laws
- 11 within the jurisdiction of the department; and
- 12 (4) the employee also serves simultaneously as the
- 13 director of the food and drugs division of the department.
- SECTION 2.39. Subsection (e), Section 614.002, Health and
- 15 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 (e) The executive head of each of the following agencies,
- 17 divisions of agencies, or associations, or that person's designated
- 18 representative, shall serve as a member of the committee:
- 19 (1) the correctional institutions division of the
- 20 Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 21 (2) the Department of State Health Services;
- 22 (3) the parole division of the Texas Department of
- 23 Criminal Justice;
- 24 (4) the community justice assistance division of the
- 25 Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 26 (5) [the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;
- 27 [<del>(6)</del>] the Texas Juvenile Justice Department [<del>Youth</del>

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1 Commission];
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                 (6) [(7)] the Department of Assistive
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    Rehabilitative Services;
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                 (7) [\frac{(8)}{1}] the
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    Committee;
                 (8) [<del>(9)</del>] the Mental Health Association in Texas;
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                 (9) [<del>(10)</del>] the Board of Pardons and Paroles;
                 (10) [\frac{(11)}{(11)}] the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
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    [Officer Standards and Education];
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                 (11) [\frac{(12)}{(12)}] the Texas Council of Community Mental
    Health and Mental Retardation Centers;
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                 (12) [(13)] the Commission on Jail Standards;
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                 (13) [\frac{(14)}{}] the
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                                     Texas Council for Developmental
    Disabilities;
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                 (14) \left[ \frac{(15)}{(15)} \right] the
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    Citizens;
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                (15) [\frac{(16)}{(16)}] the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
    of Texas;
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                 (16) [(17)] the Parent Association for the Retarded of
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    Texas, Inc.;
                 (17) [(18)] the Health and Human Services Commission;
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amended to read as follows:

Sec. 614.016. CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS BY

SECTION 2.40. Section 614.016, Health and Safety Code, is

(18)  $[\frac{(19)}{(19)}]$  the Department of Aging and Disability

- 1 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JAILS. (a) The office, the Texas Commission
- 2 on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education], the bureau of
- 3 identification and records of the Department of Public Safety, and
- 4 the Commission on Jail Standards by rule shall adopt a memorandum of
- 5 understanding that establishes their respective responsibilities
- 6 to institute a continuity of care and service program for offenders
- 7 in the criminal justice system who are mentally impaired, elderly,
- 8 physically disabled, terminally ill, or significantly ill.
- 9 (b) The memorandum of understanding must establish methods
- 10 for:
- 11 (1) identifying offenders in the criminal justice
- 12 system who are mentally impaired, elderly, physically disabled,
- 13 terminally ill, or significantly ill;
- 14 (2) developing procedures for the exchange of
- 15 information relating to offenders who are mentally impaired,
- 16 elderly, physically disabled, terminally ill, or significantly ill
- 17 by the office, the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 18 Standards and Education], and the Commission on Jail Standards for
- 19 use in the continuity of care and services program; and
- 20 (3) adopting rules and standards that assist in the
- 21 development of a continuity of care and services program for
- 22 offenders who are mentally impaired, elderly, physically disabled,
- 23 terminally ill, or significantly ill.
- SECTION 2.41. Subsection (a), Section 142.006, Human
- 25 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 26 (a) A juvenile probation officer may carry a firearm in the
- 27 course of the officer's official duties if:

- 1 (1) the juvenile probation officer possesses a
- 2 certificate of firearms proficiency issued by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission
- 3 on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] under Section
- 4 1701.259, Occupations Code;
- 5 (2) the chief juvenile probation officer of the
- 6 juvenile probation department that employs the juvenile probation
- 7 officer authorizes the juvenile probation officer to carry a
- 8 firearm in the course of the officer's official duties; and
- 9 (3) the juvenile probation officer has been employed
- 10 for at least one year by the juvenile probation department
- 11 described by Subdivision (2).
- 12 SECTION 2.42. Subsection (b), Section 221.011, Human
- 13 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 (b) Peace officers employed and commissioned under
- 15 Subsection (a) must be certified by the Texas Commission on Law
- 16 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] under Chapter 1701,
- 17 Occupations Code.
- SECTION 2.43. Subsection (e), Section 242.102, Human
- 19 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 20 (e) Peace officers employed and commissioned under
- 21 Subsection (d) must:
- 22 (1) be certified by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law
- 23 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] under Chapter 1701,
- 24 Occupations Code; and
- 25 (2) complete advanced courses relating to the duties
- 26 of peace officers employed and commissioned under Subsection (d) as
- 27 part of any continuing education requirements for the peace

- 1 officers.
- 2 SECTION 2.44. Subsection (b), Section 243.052, Human
- 3 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 (b) Peace officers employed and commissioned under
- 5 Subsection (a) must be certified by the Texas Commission on Law
- 6 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] under Chapter 1701,
- 7 Occupations Code.
- 8 SECTION 2.45. Subsections (d), (e), and (f), Section
- 9 302.017, Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 10 (d) The commission shall contract with the Texas Commission
- 11 on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] to develop a
- 12 license verification interface to verify whether an applicant for
- 13 employment as a peace officer:
- 14 (1) holds a current license issued by the Texas
- 15 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education]
- 16 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and, if so, the level of that
- 17 license; and
- 18 (2) has had the applicant's license revoked or
- 19 suspended by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 20 Standards and Education].
- 21 (e) The <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 22 Standards and Education shall provide the commission with
- 23 technical assistance in the development and testing of the license
- 24 verification interface under Subsection (d).
- 25 (f) If the development and operation of the Internet website
- 26 and the associated license verification interface is not possible
- 27 due to a lack of available funding, the commission shall:

- 1 (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding with the
- 2 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 3 Education | to integrate a peace officer job matching database for
- 4 individuals seeking employment as peace officers in this state and
- 5 state and local law enforcement agencies seeking applicants for
- 6 employment as peace officers into the commission's existing Labor
- 7 Exchange System; and
- 8 (2) ensure that:
- 9 (A) the commission registers an Internet domain
- 10 name that is unique and that identifies on its face the purpose of
- 11 the peace officer job matching database; and
- 12 (B) the registered domain name and associated
- 13 link directs users of the Internet to a web page that instructs
- 14 users on how to use the Labor Exchange System and includes a link to
- 15 enter that system.
- SECTION 2.46. Subsection (a), Section 85.0025, Local
- 17 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) The <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 19 Standards and Education] may require each county sheriff[ $\tau$ ] who is
- 20 not a commissioned peace officer  $[\tau]$  to attend not more than 40 hours
- 21 of instruction in law enforcement. The commission shall allow a
- 22 sheriff at least two but not more than four years after the date on
- 23 which the sheriff assumes office to complete the hours of
- 24 instruction.
- SECTION 2.47. Subsection (b), Section 141.009, Local
- 26 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 27 (b) In this chapter, "member of the police department" means

- 1 an employee of the police department who has been licensed as a
- 2 peace officer by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 3 Standards and Education].
- 4 SECTION 2.48. Subsection (b), Section 143.013, Local
- 5 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 (b) A person appointed as head of a fire department must be
- 7 eligible for certification by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Fire
- 8 Protection [Personnel Standards and Education] at the intermediate
- 9 level or its equivalent as determined by that commission and must
- 10 have served as a fully paid fire fighter for at least five years. A
- 11 person appointed as head of a police department must be eligible for
- 12 certification by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 13 Standards and Education at the intermediate level or its
- 14 equivalent as determined by that commission and must have served as
- 15 a bona fide law enforcement officer for at least five years.
- SECTION 2.49. Subsection (e), Section 143.023, Local
- 17 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (e) An applicant may not be certified as eligible for a
- 19 beginning position with a police department unless the applicant
- 20 meets all legal requirements necessary to become eligible for
- 21 future licensing by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law Enforcement
- 22 [Officer Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.50. Subsection (a), Section 143.027, Local
- 24 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 25 (a) A person appointed to a beginning position in the fire
- 26 or police department must serve a probationary period of one year
- 27 beginning on that person's date of employment as a fire fighter,

- 1 police officer, or academy trainee. In a municipality with a
- 2 population of less than 1.9 million, the commission by rule may
- 3 extend the probationary period by not more than six months for a
- 4 person who:
- 5 (1) is not employed by a department in which a
- 6 collective bargaining agreement or a meet-and-confer agreement
- 7 currently exists or previously existed; and
- 8 (2) is required to attend a basic training academy for
- 9 initial certification by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection or
- 10 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 11 Education ].
- 12 SECTION 2.51. Subsection (b), Section 143.044, Local
- 13 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 (b) If each fire fighter or police officer in a municipality
- 15 is afforded an opportunity to qualify for certification, the
- 16 municipality's governing body may authorize certification pay to
- 17 those fire fighters who meet the requirements for certification set
- 18 by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Fire Protection [Personnel Standards and
- 19 Education] or for those police officers who meet the requirements
- 20 for certification set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 21 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 22 SECTION 2.52. Section 143.105, Local Government Code, is
- 23 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 143.105. ELIGIBILITY FOR BEGINNING POSITION IN POLICE
- 25 DEPARTMENT. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements
- 26 prescribed by Section 143.023, to be certified as eligible for a
- 27 beginning position with a police department, a person must be at

- 1 least 21 years of age at the end of the probationary period and
- 2 have:
- 3 (1) served in the United States armed forces and
- 4 received an honorable discharge;
- 5 (2) earned at least 60 hours' credit in any area of
- 6 study at an accredited college or university, of which not more than
- 7 12 hours' credit may be earned for training at the police officer
- 8 training academy operated or sponsored by the municipality; or
- 9 (3) been employed full-time for at least five years as
- 10 a peace officer licensed by:
- 11 (A) the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement
- 12 [Officer Standards and Education]; or
- 13 (B) an acceptable licensing entity in another
- 14 state that has law enforcement officer licensing requirements
- 15 substantially equivalent to those of Chapter 1701, Occupations
- 16 Code.
- 17 SECTION 2.53. Subsection (a), Section 143.112, Local
- 18 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 (a) In this section:
- 20 (1) "Accredited college or university" means a college
- 21 or university that is:
- (A) accredited by a nationally recognized
- 23 accrediting agency and by the state board of education in the state
- 24 in which the college or university is located; and
- 25 (B) approved or certified by:
- 26 (i) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 27 [Officer Standards and Education] as teaching the core curriculum

- 1 or its equivalent in law enforcement; or
- 2 (ii) the Texas Commission on Fire
- 3 Protection [Personnel Standards and Education].
- 4 (2) "Core curriculum in law enforcement" means those
- 5 courses in law enforcement education approved by the Coordinating
- 6 Board, Texas College and University System, and the Texas
- 7 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 8 SECTION 2.54. Subsection (b), Section 254.023, Local
- 9 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 (b) The board may:
- 11 (1) manage, control, maintain, and operate the island
- 12 property;
- 13 (2) employ a general manager and any other officer,
- 14 employee, or representative the board considers appropriate;
- 15 (3) prepare and adopt a budget, set charges for a
- 16 service or facility, authorize an expenditure, and manage and
- 17 control the income and revenue of the island property;
- 18 (4) determine policies and adopt rules and procedures
- 19 for the operation of the island property;
- 20 (5) acquire property or an interest in property to
- 21 accomplish the purposes of this chapter and construct an
- 22 improvement or facility on the property;
- 23 (6) contract in its own name, but not in the name of
- 24 the municipality;
- 25 (7) sue and be sued in its own name;
- 26 (8) adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal; and
- 27 (9) establish a security force and commission as a

- 1 peace officer an employee of the force who is licensed by the Texas
- 2 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 3 SECTION 2.55. Subsection (a), Section 306.040, Local
- 4 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 (a) The board may employ permanent or temporary personnel as
- 6 it may require, including:
- 7 (1) secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers,
- 8 accountants, and technical experts;
- 9 (2) municipal park and recreational patrol officers
- 10 [patrolmen] and security officers employed as special park police
- 11 officers, who must be licensed as peace officers by the <u>Texas</u>
- 12 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education];
- 13 (3) unarmed security guards; and
- 14 (4) parking attendants.
- SECTION 2.56. Subsection (a), Section 254.013, Occupations
- 16 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 17 (a) The board may commission as a peace officer to enforce
- 18 this subtitle an employee who has been certified as qualified to be
- 19 a peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 20 Standards and Education].
- 21 SECTION 2.57. Subsection (a), Section 554.010, Occupations
- 22 Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 23 (a) The board may commission as a peace officer to enforce
- 24 this subtitle an employee who has been certified as qualified to be
- 25 a peace officer by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 26 Standards and Education].
- 27 SECTION 2.58. Section 651.409, Occupations Code, is amended

- 1 to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 651.409. NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN OF DECEASED PEACE
- 3 OFFICER. A funeral director who prepares a deceased peace officer
- 4 for burial or other disposition shall make every effort to advise
- 5 the next of kin of the officer that the next of kin of a person who
- 6 at the time of death was a peace officer or an honorably retired
- 7 peace officer who voluntarily terminated employment with a law
- 8 enforcement agency of this state or a political subdivision of this
- 9 state is eligible on request to receive a state flag from the Texas
- 10 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] at
- 11 no cost to the next of kin.
- 12 SECTION 2.59. Subsection (b), Section 11.0201, Parks and
- 13 Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 14 (b) An applicant for a special game warden commission must
- 15 meet the minimum standards for licensing of a peace officer under
- 16 the rules adopted by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement
- 17 [Officer Standards and Education].
- SECTION 2.60. Subsection (f), Section 46.05, Penal Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 (f) It is a defense to prosecution under this section for
- 21 the possession of a chemical dispensing device that the actor is a
- 22 security officer and has received training on the use of the
- 23 chemical dispensing device by a training program that is:
- 24 (1) provided by the Texas Commission on Law
- 25 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education]; or
- 26 (2) approved for the purposes described by this
- 27 subsection by the Texas Private Security Board of the Department of

- 1 Public Safety.
- 2 SECTION 2.61. Subsection (b), Section 54.053,
- 3 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 (b) A board may:
- 5 (1) manage, control, maintain, and operate each port
- 6 improvement or facility constituting a port or harbor of the
- 7 municipality;
- 8 (2) employ a general manager and any other officer,
- 9 employee, or representative the board considers appropriate;
- 10 (3) notwithstanding any law or charter provision to
- 11 the contrary:
- 12 (A) prepare and adopt a budget for the operation
- 13 of a port or harbor of the municipality;
- 14 (B) set charges for a service or facility;
- 15 (C) authorize an expenditure; and
- 16 (D) manage and control the income and revenue of
- 17 each port or harbor of the municipality;
- 18 (4) determine policies and adopt rules and procedures
- 19 for the operation of each port or harbor of the municipality;
- 20 (5) acquire property or an interest in property for
- 21 any purpose set forth in Section 54.003 in the manner provided by
- 22 this chapter and construct a port improvement or facility on the
- 23 property;
- 24 (6) contract in its own name, but not in the name of
- 25 the municipality;
- 26 (7) sue and be sued in its own name;
- 27 (8) adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;

- 1 (9) establish a port security force, employ public
- 2 security officers licensed by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law
- 3 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education], and commission
- 4 employees of the force as peace officers;
- 5 (10) own, establish, construct, improve, equip,
- 6 maintain, operate, regulate, protect, or police any transportation
- 7 facility and any necessary appurtenance to that facility;
- 8 (11) construct, lease, improve, enlarge, extend,
- 9 repair, maintain, replace, develop, or operate a port improvement
- 10 or facility;
- 11 (12) exercise all powers of a municipality relating to
- 12 the creation of an economic development program under Chapter 380,
- 13 Local Government Code, for the purpose of making grants and loans;
- 14 and
- 15 (13) exercise any additional power granted by the
- 16 ordinance or charter.
- 17 ARTICLE 3. TRANSITION AND EFFECTIVE DATE
- SECTION 3.01. (a) Effective January 1, 2014:
- 19 (1) the name of the Commission on Law Enforcement
- 20 Officer Standards and Education is changed to the Texas Commission
- 21 on Law Enforcement, and all powers, duties, rights, and obligations
- 22 of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
- 23 Education are the powers, duties, rights, and obligations of the
- 24 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement;
- 25 (2) a member of the Commission on Law Enforcement
- 26 Officer Standards and Education is a member of the Texas Commission
- 27 on Law Enforcement; and

- 1 (3) any appropriation to the Commission on Law
- 2 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education is an appropriation to
- 3 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
- 4 (b) Effective January 1, 2014, a reference in law to the
- 5 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education is a
- 6 reference to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
- 7 (c) The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement is the successor
- 8 to the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
- 9 Education in all respects. All personnel, equipment, data,
- 10 documents, facilities, contracts, items, other property, rules,
- 11 decisions, and proceedings of or involving the Commission on Law
- 12 Enforcement Officer Standards and Education are unaffected by the
- 13 change in the name of the agency.
- 14 (d) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
- 15 Education shall adopt a schedule for phasing in the change of the
- 16 agency's name so as to minimize the fiscal impact of the name
- 17 change. Until January 1, 2014, to allow for phasing in the change
- 18 of the agency's name and in accordance with the schedule
- 19 established as required by this section, the agency may perform any
- 20 act authorized by law for the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
- 21 Standards and Education as the Commission on Law Enforcement
- 22 Officer Standards and Education or as the Texas Commission on Law
- 23 Enforcement. Any act of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
- 24 Standards and Education acting as the Texas Commission on Law
- 25 Enforcement on or after the effective date of this Act and before
- 26 January 1, 2014, is an act of the Commission on Law Enforcement
- 27 Officer Standards and Education.

- 1 SECTION 3.02. This Act takes effect immediately if it
- 2 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
- 3 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
- 4 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
- 5 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.