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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. Section 1701.001(1), Occupations Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law
- 12 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 13 SECTION 1.02. Section 1701.002, Occupations Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 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. Section 1701.051(a), Occupations Code, is
- 8 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:
- 25 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 Texas
- 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. Article 2.121(e), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 17 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 <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement
- 8 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 9 SECTION 2.03. Article 2.125(e), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 10 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 <u>Texas</u>
- 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 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 27 [Officer Standards and Education].

- 1 SECTION 2.04. Article 2.126(e), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 2 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. Articles 2.132(b) and (g), Code of Criminal
- 11 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 <u>Texas</u> 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  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  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. Articles 2.134(b), (e), and (g), Code of
- 26 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 <u>Texas</u> 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.
- SECTION 2.07. Article 15.27(m), Code of Criminal Procedure,
- 19 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 Texas
- 25 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 26 SECTION 2.08. Section 1(23), Article 18.20, Code of
- 27 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

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- 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 Texas 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.
- 27 SECTION 2.10. Article 102.022(h), Code of Criminal

- 1 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. Sections 37.081(f) and (h), Education Code,
- 8 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  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  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. Section 51.203(e), Education Code, is amended

- 1 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. Section 51.214(f), Education Code, is amended
- 6 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. Section 54.352(g), Education Code, is amended
- 15 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
- 10 OFFICERS. The director may appoint not to exceed 25 employees of
- 11 the Texas Forest Service who are certified by the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission
- 12 on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] as qualified
- 13 to be peace officers to serve as peace officers under the direction
- 14 of the director in executing the enforcement duties of that
- 15 agency. The appointments must be approved by the board which shall
- 16 commission the appointees as peace officers. Any officer
- 17 commissioned under this section is vested with all the powers,
- 18 privileges, and immunities of peace officers in the performance of
- 19 the officer's duties. The officer shall take the oath required of
- 20 peace officers.
- 21 SECTION 2.16. Sections 96.641(a), (b), and (d), Education
- 22 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 23 (a) The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute
- 24 of Texas shall establish and offer a program of initial training and
- 25 a program of continuing education for police chiefs. The
- 26 curriculum for each program must relate to law enforcement
- 27 management issues. The institute shall develop the curriculum for

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

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

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- 1 court in Midland County  $\underline{\prime}$  for the 355th District Court  $\underline{\prime}$  or under
- 2 Section 53.001(g), a person must be at least 21 years old and hold a
- 3 peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, [415]
- 4 from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and
- 5 Education]. This subsection does not apply to a person serving as
- 6 bailiff of a court described by Section 53.001(g) on September 1,
- 7 1991.
- 8 SECTION 2.21. Section 53.091(c), Government Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 (c) A person may not be commissioned as a peace officer
- 11 under this section unless the person meets all standards for
- 12 licensing as a peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law
- 13 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 14 SECTION 2.22. Section 76.0051, Government Code, is amended
- 15 to read as follows:
- Sec. 76.0051. AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY WEAPON. An officer is
- 17 authorized to carry a weapon while engaged in the actual discharge
- 18 of the officer's duties only if:
- 19 (1) the officer possesses a certificate of firearms
- 20 proficiency issued by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement
- 21 [Officer Standards and Education] under Section 1701.257,
- 22 Occupations Code; and
- 23 (2) the director of the department agrees to the
- 24 authorization.
- SECTION 2.23. Section 411.112, Government Code, is amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- 27 Sec. 411.112. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD

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

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

1	(7)	Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;
2	(8)	Texas Division of Emergency Management;
3	(9)	adjutant general's department;
4	(10)	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
5	(11)	Railroad Commission of Texas;
6	(12)	Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission;
7	(13)	Texas Department of Transportation;
8	(14)	Commission on State Emergency Communications;
9	(15)	Office of State-Federal Relations;
10	(16)	secretary of state;
11	(17)	Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs
12	[ <del>Transportation</del> ]	and Homeland Security;
13	(18)	House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs;
14	(19)	Texas Animal Health Commission;
15	(20)	Texas Association of Regional Councils;
16	(21)	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
17	7 Standards and Education];	
18	(22)	state fire marshal's office;
19	(23)	Texas Education Agency;
20	(24)	Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
21	(25)	Parks and Wildlife Department;
22	(26)	Texas Forest Service; and
23	(27)	Texas Water Development Board.
24	SECTION 2.	27. Section 493.019, Government Code, is amended
25	to read as follows:	
26	Sec. 493.0	19. ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. The inspector general
27	may appoint employees who are certified by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on	

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

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

- 1 (6) a member of the class of employees of the
- 2 correctional institutions division formally designated as
- 3 custodial personnel under Section 615.006 by the Texas Board of
- 4 Criminal Justice or its predecessor in function;
- 5 (7) a jailer or guard of a county jail who is appointed
- 6 by the sheriff and who:
- 7 (A) performs a security, custodial, or
- 8 supervisory function over the admittance, confinement, or
- 9 discharge of prisoners; and
- 10 (B) is certified by the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law
- 11 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education];
- 12 (8) a juvenile correctional employee of the Texas
- 13 Juvenile Justice Department [Youth Commission];
- 14 (9) an employee of the Department of Aging and
- 15 Disability Services or Department of State Health Services who:
- 16 (A) works at the department's maximum security
- 17 unit; or
- 18 (B) performs on-site services for the Texas
- 19 Department of Criminal Justice;
- 20 (10) an individual who is employed by the state or a
- 21 political or legal subdivision and is subject to certification by
- 22 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
- 23 (11) an individual employed by the state or a
- 24 political or legal subdivision whose principal duties are aircraft
- 25 crash and rescue fire fighting;
- 26 (12) a member of an organized volunteer fire-fighting
- 27 unit that:

- 1 (A) renders fire-fighting services without
- 2 remuneration; and
- 3 (B) conducts a minimum of two drills each month,
- 4 each two hours long;
- 5 (13) an individual who:
- 6 (A) performs emergency medical services or
- 7 operates an ambulance;
- 8 (B) is employed by a political subdivision of the
- 9 state or is an emergency medical services volunteer as defined by
- 10 Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code; and
- 11 (C) is qualified as an emergency care attendant
- 12 or at a higher level of training under Section 773.046, 773.047,
- 13 773.048, 773.049, or 773.0495, Health and Safety Code;
- 14 (14) an individual who is employed or formally
- 15 designated as a chaplain for:
- 16 (A) an organized volunteer fire-fighting unit or
- 17 other fire department of this state or of a political subdivision of
- 18 this state;
- 19 (B) a law enforcement agency of this state or of a
- 20 political subdivision of this state; or
- 21 (C) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; or
- 22 (15) an individual who is employed by the state or a
- 23 political subdivision of the state and who is considered by the
- 24 governmental employer to be a trainee for a position otherwise
- 25 described by this section.
- SECTION 2.32. Sections 615.105(b) and (c), Government Code,
- 27 are amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 (8) Texas Optometry Board; 2 Department of Agriculture, for licenses issued 3 under Chapter 1951, Occupations Code; 4 (10)Texas State Board of Pharmacy; Executive Council of Physical 5 (11)Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners; 6 Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; 7 (12)8 (13)Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners; (14) Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; 9 (15) State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners; 10 (16) Texas Real Estate Commission; 11 12 (17)Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; 13 Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; 14 (18)15 (19)Texas State Board of Public Accountancy; 16 (20)State Board for Educator Certification; 17 (21)Texas Board of Professional Engineers; (22)Department of State Health Services; 18 Texas Board of Architectural Examiners; 19 (23)Texas Racing Commission; 20 (24)21 (25)Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education]; and 2.2 23 Texas Private Security Board. 24 SECTION 2.37. Section 3105.002(2), Government Code, 25 amended to read as follows: (2) "Commission" means the  $\underline{\text{Texas}}$  Commission on Law 26

Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].

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- 1 SECTION 2.38. Section 431.2471(b), Health and Safety Code,
- 2 is amended to read as follows:
- 3 (b) The department may not employ a peace officer under this
- 4 section unless:
- 5 (1) the employee will enforce the food and drug
- 6 portions of this chapter;
- 7 (2) the <u>Texas</u> Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 8 Standards and Education] certifies the employee as qualified to be
- 9 a peace officer;
- 10 (3) the commissioner recommends the employee to the
- 11 department as being qualified to enforce the food and drug laws
- 12 within the jurisdiction of the department; and
- 13 (4) the employee also serves simultaneously as the
- 14 director of the food and drugs division of the department.
- SECTION 2.39. Section 614.002(e), Health and Safety Code,
- 16 is amended to read as follows:
- 17 (e) The executive head of each of the following agencies,
- 18 divisions of agencies, or associations, or that person's designated
- 19 representative, shall serve as a member of the committee:
- 20 (1) the correctional institutions division of the
- 21 Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 22 (2) the Department of State Health Services;
- 23 (3) the parole division of the Texas Department of
- 24 Criminal Justice;
- 25 (4) the community justice assistance division of the
- 26 Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 27 (5) [the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;

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                 (9) [<del>(10)</del>] the Board of Pardons and Paroles;
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                 (10) [\frac{(11)}{(11)}] the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
    [Officer Standards and Education];
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                 (11) [(12)] the Texas Council of Community Mental
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                 (12) [<del>(13)</del>] the Commission on Jail Standards;
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                 (18) [(19)] the Department of Aging and Disability
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SECTION 2.40. Section 614.016, Health and Safety Code, is

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amended to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 614.016. CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS BY
- 2 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JAILS. (a) The office, the Texas Commission on
- 3 Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education], the bureau of
- 4 identification and records of the Department of Public Safety, and
- 5 the Commission on Jail Standards by rule shall adopt a memorandum of
- 6 understanding that establishes their respective responsibilities
- 7 to institute a continuity of care and service program for offenders
- 8 in the criminal justice system who are mentally impaired, elderly,
- 9 physically disabled, terminally ill, or significantly ill.
- 10 (b) The memorandum of understanding must establish methods
- 11 for:
- 12 (1) identifying offenders in the criminal justice
- 13 system who are mentally impaired, elderly, physically disabled,
- 14 terminally ill, or significantly ill;
- 15 (2) developing procedures for the exchange of
- 16 information relating to offenders who are mentally impaired,
- 17 elderly, physically disabled, terminally ill, or significantly ill
- 18 by the office, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer
- 19 Standards and Education], and the Commission on Jail Standards for
- 20 use in the continuity of care and services program; and
- 21 (3) adopting rules and standards that assist in the
- 22 development of a continuity of care and services program for
- 23 offenders who are mentally impaired, elderly, physically disabled,
- 24 terminally ill, or significantly ill.
- SECTION 2.41. Section 142.006(a), Human Resources Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 (a) A juvenile probation officer may carry a firearm in the

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 [Officer Standards and Education] as teaching the core curriculum
- 2 or its equivalent in law enforcement; or
- 3 (ii) the Texas Commission on Fire
- 4 Protection [Personnel Standards and Education].
- 5 (2) "Core curriculum in law enforcement" means those
- 6 courses in law enforcement education approved by the Coordinating
- 7 Board, Texas College and University System, and the Texas
- 8 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education].
- 9 SECTION 2.54. Section 254.023(b), Local Government Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 (b) The board may:
- 12 (1) manage, control, maintain, and operate the island
- 13 property;
- 14 (2) employ a general manager and any other officer,
- 15 employee, or representative the board considers appropriate;
- 16 (3) prepare and adopt a budget, set charges for a
- 17 service or facility, authorize an expenditure, and manage and
- 18 control the income and revenue of the island property;
- 19 (4) determine policies and adopt rules and procedures
- 20 for the operation of the island property;
- 21 (5) acquire property or an interest in property to
- 22 accomplish the purposes of this chapter and construct an
- 23 improvement or facility on the 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; and

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

- 1 SECTION 2.58. Section 651.409, Occupations Code, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 651.409. NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN OF DECEASED PEACE
- 4 OFFICER. A funeral director who prepares a deceased peace officer
- 5 for burial or other disposition shall make every effort to advise
- 6 the next of kin of the officer that the next of kin of a person who
- 7 at the time of death was a peace officer or an honorably retired
- 8 peace officer who voluntarily terminated employment with a law
- 9 enforcement agency of this state or a political subdivision of this
- 10 state is eligible on request to receive a state flag from the <u>Texas</u>
- 11 Commission on Law Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education] at
- 12 no cost to the next of kin.
- SECTION 2.59. Section 11.0201(b), Parks and Wildlife Code,
- 14 is amended to read as follows:
- 15 (b) An applicant for a special game warden commission must
- 16 meet the minimum standards for licensing of a peace officer under
- 17 the rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 18 [Officer Standards and Education].
- 19 SECTION 2.60. Section 46.05(f), Penal Code, is amended to
- 20 read as follows:
- 21 (f) It is a defense to prosecution under this section for
- 22 the possession of a chemical dispensing device that the actor is a
- 23 security officer and has received training on the use of the
- 24 chemical dispensing device by a training program that is:
- 25 (1) provided by the Texas Commission on Law
- 26 Enforcement [Officer Standards and Education]; or
- 27 (2) approved for the purposes described by this

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

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

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

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