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S.B. No. 1356

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring trauma-informed care training for certain
3 staff of county and state juvenile facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 221.002, Human Resources Code, is
6 amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) In adopting rules under Subsection (a)(3), the board
8 shall require probation officers, juvenile supervision officers,
9 and court-supervised community-based program personnel to receive
10 trauma-informed care training. The training must provide
11 knowledge, in line with best practices, of how to interact with
12 juveniles who have experienced traumatic events.

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 221, Human Resources Code,
14 is amended by adding Section 221.0061 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 221.0061. TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE TRAINING. The
16 department shall provide trauma-informed care training during the
17 preservice training the department provides for juvenile probation
18 officers, juvenile supervision officers, juvenile correctional
19 officers, and juvenile parole officers. The training must provide
20 knowledge, in line with best practices, of how to interact with
21 juveniles who have experienced traumatic events.

22 SECTION 3. Subsection (b), Section 242.009, Human Resources
23 Code, is amended to read as follows:

24 (b) The department shall provide each juvenile correctional

1 officer employed by the department with at least 300 hours of
2 training, which must include on-the-job training, before the
3 officer independently commences the officer's duties at the
4 facility. The training must provide the officer with information
5 and instruction related to the officer's duties, including
6 information and instruction concerning:

7 (1) the juvenile justice system of this state,
8 including the juvenile correctional facility system;

9 (2) security procedures;

10 (3) the supervision of children committed to the
11 department;

12 (4) signs of suicide risks and suicide precautions;

13 (5) signs and symptoms of the abuse, assault, neglect,
14 and exploitation of a child, including sexual abuse, ~~and~~ sexual
15 assault, and human trafficking, and the manner in which to report
16 the abuse, assault, neglect, or exploitation of a child;

17 (6) the neurological, physical, and psychological
18 development of adolescents;

19 (7) department rules and regulations, including
20 rules, regulations, and tactics concerning the use of force;

21 (8) appropriate restraint techniques;

22 (9) the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C.
23 Section 15601, et seq.);

24 (10) the rights and responsibilities of children in
25 the custody of the department;

26 (11) interpersonal relationship skills;

27 (12) the social and cultural lifestyles of children in

- 1 the custody of the department;
- 2 (13) first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- 3 (14) counseling techniques;
- 4 (15) conflict resolution and dispute mediation,
- 5 including de-escalation techniques;
- 6 (16) behavior management;
- 7 (17) mental health issues; [~~and~~]
- 8 (18) employee rights, employment discrimination, and
- 9 sexual harassment; and
- 10 (19) trauma-informed care.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.