

AN ACT

relating to training for peace officers and first responders on certain persons affected by trauma.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Sections 1701.261 and 1701.262 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.261. ACQUIRED AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES TRAINING. (a) In this section, "first responder" has the meaning assigned by Section [421.095](#), Government Code.

(b) The commission, in collaboration with the office of acquired brain injury of the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, shall establish and maintain a training program for peace officers and first responders that provides information on:

(1) the effects of an acquired brain injury and of a traumatic brain injury; and

(2) techniques to interact with persons who have an acquired brain injury or a traumatic brain injury.

Sec 1701.262. TRAUMA AFFECTED VETERANS TRAINING. (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who has served in:

(1) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States; or

(2) the Texas National Guard as defined by Section

1 431.001, Government Code.

2 (b) The commission, in collaboration with the Texas  
3 Veterans Commission, shall establish and maintain a training  
4 program for peace officers that provides information on veterans  
5 with combat-related trauma, post-traumatic stress, post-traumatic  
6 stress disorder, or a traumatic brain injury. An officer may not  
7 complete the training under this subsection by taking an online  
8 course.

9 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2015, the Texas  
10 Commission on Law Enforcement shall approve the curriculum for the  
11 training programs described by Sections 1701.261 and 1701.262,  
12 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1338 was passed by the House on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1338 on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 3, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1338 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor