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H.B. No. 1338

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for peace officers and first responders on  
acquired and traumatic brain injuries.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Section 411.0208 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.0208. ACQUIRED AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES  
TRAINING. The department, 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.

SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2017, the Department  
of Public Safety shall begin offering the training program  
described by Section 411.0208, Government Code, as added by this  
Act.

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