

1-1 By: Naishtat (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 1338  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;  
 1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-4 Justice; May 21, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1338 By: Whitmire

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to training for peace officers and first responders on  
 1-20 certain persons affected by trauma.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
 1-23 amended by adding Sections 1701.261 and 1701.262 to read as  
 1-24 follows:

1-25 Sec. 1701.261. ACQUIRED AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES  
 1-26 TRAINING. (a) In this section, "first responder" has the meaning  
 1-27 assigned by Section 421.095, Government Code.

1-28 (b) The commission, in collaboration with the office of  
 1-29 acquired brain injury of the Health and Human Services Commission  
 1-30 and the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, shall  
 1-31 establish and maintain a training program for peace officers and  
 1-32 first responders that provides information on:

1-33 (1) the effects of an acquired brain injury and of a  
 1-34 traumatic brain injury; and

1-35 (2) techniques to interact with persons who have an  
 1-36 acquired brain injury or a traumatic brain injury.

1-37 Sec 1701.262. TRAUMA AFFECTED VETERANS TRAINING. (a) In  
 1-38 this section, "veteran" means a person who has served in:

1-39 (1) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine  
 1-40 corps of the United States; or

1-41 (2) the Texas National Guard as defined by Section  
 1-42 431.001, Government Code.

1-43 (b) The commission, in collaboration with the Texas  
 1-44 Veterans Commission, shall establish and maintain a training  
 1-45 program for peace officers that provides information on veterans  
 1-46 with combat-related trauma, post-traumatic stress, post-traumatic  
 1-47 stress disorder, or a traumatic brain injury. An officer may not  
 1-48 complete the training under this subsection by taking an online  
 1-49 course.

1-50 SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2015, the Texas  
 1-51 Commission on Law Enforcement shall approve the curriculum for the  
 1-52 training programs described by Sections 1701.261 and 1701.262,  
 1-53 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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