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H.B. No. 2279

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2279:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to child and adolescent interaction education and training  
for certain peace and reserve law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1701.253(c) and (j), Occupations Code,  
are amended to read as follows:

(c) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the  
commission shall establish a statewide comprehensive education and  
training program on civil rights, racial sensitivity, ~~and~~  
cultural diversity, and youth development and psychology for  
persons licensed under this chapter.

(j) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the  
commission shall require an officer to complete a statewide  
education and training program on de-escalation and crisis  
intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons,  
including children and adolescents, with mental and behavioral  
health needs. The program may include training on positive  
behavioral interventions and supports, conflict resolution  
techniques, and restorative justice techniques ~~[impairments]~~. An  
officer shall complete the program not later than the second  
anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter  
or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency  
certificate, whichever date is earlier. An officer may not satisfy  
the requirements of this subsection ~~[section]~~ or Section

1 1701.402(g) by taking an online course on de-escalation and crisis  
2 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons  
3 with mental and behavioral health needs ~~[impairments]~~.

4 SECTION 2. Sections 1701.402(g) and (i), Occupations Code,  
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 (g) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency  
7 certificate or an advanced proficiency certificate, an officer must  
8 complete the education and training program described by Section  
9 1701.253 regarding de-escalation and crisis intervention  
10 techniques to facilitate interaction with persons, including  
11 children and adolescents, with mental and behavioral health needs  
12 ~~[impairments]~~.

13 (i) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency  
14 certificate, an officer must complete an education and training  
15 program on civil rights, racial sensitivity, ~~[and]~~ cultural  
16 diversity, and youth development and psychology established by the  
17 commission under Section 1701.253(c).

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