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H.B. No. 1545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the acceptance of certain high school courses to  
3 satisfy part of the training required to obtain a peace officer  
4 license.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 1701.1525 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1701.1525. RULES RELATED TO ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT HOURS  
9 FOR COMPLETION OF CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL COURSES. (a) The commission  
10 shall adopt rules that establish a procedure under which credit  
11 hours earned for the successful completion of high school courses  
12 that directly relate to law enforcement can be counted toward the  
13 hours of training required of an applicant for a peace officer  
14 license issued under Section 1701.307.

15 (b) The rules adopted under this section must require that  
16 an applicant submit to the commission a high school transcript that  
17 indicates the applicant earned an endorsement in the public  
18 services category, as described by Section 28.025(c-1), Education  
19 Code.

20 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas  
21 Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules as necessary to  
22 comply with Section 1701.1525, Occupations Code, as added by this  
23 Act.

24 (b) Section 1701.1525, Occupations Code, as added by this

1 Act, applies only to an application for a license submitted to the  
2 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement on or after the effective date  
3 of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of  
4 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
5 application was submitted, and the former law is continued in  
6 effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.