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H.B. No. 1972

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the model training curriculum and required training for certain school district peace officers and school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.0812, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0812. TRAINING POLICY: SCHOOL DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. A school district with an enrollment of 5,000 [~~30,000~~] or more students that commissions a school district peace officer or at which a school resource officer provides law enforcement shall adopt a policy requiring the officer to complete the education and training program required by Section 1701.263, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Section 1701.263(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission by rule shall require a school district peace officer or a school resource officer who is commissioned by or who provides law enforcement at a school district with an enrollment of 5,000 [~~30,000~~] or more students to successfully complete an education and training program described by this section not later than 180 [~~before or within 120~~] days after [~~of~~] the officer's commission by or placement in the district or a campus of the district. The program must:

- 1           (1)    consist of at least 16 hours of training;
- 2           (2)    be approved by the commission; and
- 3           (3)    provide training in accordance with the curriculum
- 4 developed under Section 1701.262 in each subject area listed in
- 5 Subsection (c) of that section.

6           SECTION 3.   (a)       Notwithstanding Section 1701.263(b),  
7 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, a school district peace  
8 officer or school resource officer who commences employment with or  
9 commences providing law enforcement at a school district with an  
10 enrollment of 5,000 or more students but less than 30,000 students  
11 on a date occurring before September 1, 2017, shall complete the  
12 training required by Section 1701.263, Occupations Code, as amended  
13 by this Act, as soon as practicable and not later than August 31,  
14 2018. This subsection does not apply to an officer who is exempt  
15 from the training established under Section 1701.263, Occupations  
16 Code, as amended by this Act, because the officer has completed the  
17 training described by Subsection (b-1) of that section.

18           (b)   Not later than October 1, 2017, a school district with  
19 an enrollment of 5,000 or more students but less than 30,000  
20 students shall adopt the training policy for school district peace  
21 officers and school resource officers required by Section 37.0812,  
22 Education Code, as amended by this Act.

23           SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.