

AN ACT

relating to inclusion of instruction regarding interaction with peace officers in the required curriculum for certain public school students and in driver education courses and to civilian interaction training for peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Community Safety Education Act.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.012. INSTRUCTION ON INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

(3) "Driver training school" has the meaning assigned by Section 1001.001.

(b) The board and the commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's respective responsibilities in developing instruction, including curriculum and instructional modules, on proper interaction with peace officers during traffic stops and other in-person encounters. The instruction must include information regarding:

(1) the role of law enforcement and the duties and

1 responsibilities of peace officers;

2 (2) a person's rights concerning interactions with
3 peace officers;

4 (3) proper behavior for civilians and peace officers
5 during interactions;

6 (4) laws regarding questioning and detention by peace
7 officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of
8 identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or
9 officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

10 (5) how and where to file a complaint against or a
11 compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

12 (c) In developing the instruction under this section, the
13 board and the commission may consult with any interested party,
14 including a volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making
15 recommendations regarding the instruction.

16 (d) Before finalizing any instruction under this section,
17 the board and the commission shall provide a reasonable period for
18 public comment.

19 (e) Subject to rules adopted by the board, a school district
20 or open-enrollment charter school may tailor the instruction
21 developed under this section as appropriate for the district's or
22 school's community. In tailoring the instruction, the district or
23 school shall solicit input from local law enforcement agencies,
24 driver training schools, and the community.

25 SECTION 3. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by
26 adding Subsection (b-20) to read as follows:

27 (b-20) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to

1 include the instruction developed under Section 28.012 in one or
2 more courses in the required curriculum for students in grade
3 levels 9 through 12.

4 SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 1001.109 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 1001.109. INFORMATION RELATING TO TRAFFIC STOPS.

7 (a) The commission by rule shall require that information relating
8 to law enforcement procedures for traffic stops be included in the
9 curriculum of each driver education course and driving safety
10 course. The curriculum must include:

11 (1) a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken
12 during a traffic stop; and

13 (2) information regarding:

14 (A) the role of law enforcement and the duties
15 and responsibilities of peace officers;

16 (B) a person's rights concerning interactions
17 with peace officers;

18 (C) proper behavior for civilians and peace
19 officers during interactions;

20 (D) laws regarding questioning and detention by
21 peace officers, including any law requiring a person to present
22 proof of identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a
23 person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

24 (E) how and where to file a complaint against or a
25 compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

26 (b) In developing the curriculum under this section, the
27 commission may consult with any interested party, including a

1 volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making
2 recommendations regarding the curriculum.

3 SECTION 5. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
4 by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

5 (n) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
6 commission shall require an officer to complete the civilian
7 interaction training program developed under Section 1701.268. An
8 officer shall complete the program not later than the second
9 anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter
10 unless the officer completes the program as part of the officer's
11 basic training course.

12 SECTION 6. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 1701.268 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 1701.268. CIVILIAN INTERACTION TRAINING PROGRAM.

15 (a) In this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.

16 (b) The commission and the board shall enter into a
17 memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's
18 respective responsibilities in developing a training program,
19 including training and testing materials, on proper interaction
20 with civilians during traffic stops and other in-person encounters.
21 The training program must include information regarding:

22 (1) the role of law enforcement and the duties and
23 responsibilities of peace officers;

24 (2) a person's rights concerning interactions with
25 peace officers;

26 (3) proper behavior for civilians and peace officers
27 during interactions;

1 (4) laws regarding questioning and detention by peace
2 officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of
3 identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or
4 officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

5 (5) how and where to file a complaint against or a
6 compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

7 (c) In developing the training program under this section,
8 the commission and the board may consult with any interested party,
9 including a volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making
10 recommendations regarding the training program.

11 (d) Before finalizing a training program under this
12 section, the commission and the board shall provide a reasonable
13 period for public comment.

14 SECTION 7. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018:

15 (1) the State Board of Education and the Texas
16 Commission on Law Enforcement shall develop:

17 (A) the instruction required under Section
18 28.012, Education Code, as added by this Act; and

19 (B) the training program required under Section
20 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act; and

21 (2) the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation
22 shall adopt rules regarding the curriculum required under Section
23 1001.109, Education Code, as added by this Act.

24 (b) Section 28.025(b-20), Education Code, as added by this
25 Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

26 (c) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who
27 holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or

1 before January 1, 2018, shall complete a training program
2 established under Section 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by
3 this Act, not later than January 1, 2020.

4 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 30 passed the Senate on March 29, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 25, 2017, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate; May 27, 2017, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 30 passed the House, with amendments, on May 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 27, one present not voting; May 26, 2017, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 2017, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 19, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor