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
responsibilities of peace officers;
(2) a person's rights concerning interactions with peace officers;
(3) proper behavior for civilians and peace officers during interactions;
(4) laws regarding questioning and detention by peace officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws; and
(5) how and where to file a complaint against or a compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

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

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

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

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

(b-20) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.109 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.109. INFORMATION RELATING TO TRAFFIC STOPS. (a) The commission by rule shall require that information relating to law enforcement procedures for traffic stops be included in the curriculum of each driver education course and driving safety course. The curriculum must include:

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

(2) information regarding:

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

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

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

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

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

(b) In developing the curriculum under this section, the commission may consult with any interested party, including a
volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the curriculum.

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

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

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

Sec. 1701.268. CIVILIAN INTERACTION TRAINING PROGRAM.
(a) In this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.
(b) The commission and the board shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's respective responsibilities in developing a training program, including training and testing materials, on proper interaction with civilians during traffic stops and other in-person encounters. The training program must include information regarding:
(1) the role of law enforcement and the duties and responsibilities of peace officers;
(2) a person's rights concerning interactions with peace officers;
(3) proper behavior for civilians and peace officers during interactions;
laws regarding questioning and detention by peace
officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of
identity to a peace officer, and the consequences for a person's or
officer's failure to comply with those laws; and
(5) how and where to file a complaint against or a
compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

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

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

SECTION 7. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018:
(1) the State Board of Education and the Texas
Commission on Law Enforcement shall develop:
(A) the instruction required under Section
28.012, Education Code, as added by this Act; and
(B) the training program required under Section
1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act; and
(2) the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation
shall adopt rules regarding the curriculum required under Section
1001.109, Education Code, as added by this Act.
(b) Section 28.025(b-20), Education Code, as added by this
Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.
(c) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who
holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or
before January 1, 2018, shall complete a training program established under Section 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2020.

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