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S.B. No. 1186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for mental health assignment certification for municipal police departments and sheriff's departments.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.008. REQUIRED MENTAL HEALTH ASSIGNMENT CERTIFICATION. Each municipal police department and sheriff's department shall ensure that the following percentage of officers are certified under Section 1701.404, Occupations Code:

(1) at least one-fourth of the department's officers who:

(A) are engaged in traffic or highway patrol or otherwise detain or stop motor vehicles; or

(B) are primary responders who respond directly to calls for assistance from the public; and

(2) at least one-fourth of the department's officers who are on duty during a shift.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2018.