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By:  Davis of Dallas H.B. No. 4483

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to peace officer education and training on individuals with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(p)  As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete a comprehensive education and training program on identifying, communicating with, and supporting individuals with disabilities. An officer shall complete the program required under this subsection 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 2.  Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (o) to read as follows:

(o)  As a requirement for an intermediate or advanced proficiency certificate issued by the commission, an officer must complete the comprehensive education and training program on identifying, communicating with, and supporting individuals with disabilities established by the commission under Section 1701.253(p).

SECTION 3.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Sections 1701.253(p) and 1701.402(o), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.