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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training by the Texas Department of Transportation on the recognition and prevention of smuggling and trafficking of persons.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter F, Chapter 201, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 201.407 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.407.  TRAINING ON SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS. (a) The department shall develop and make available to employees of the department a training course on the recognition and prevention of smuggling and trafficking of persons.

(b)  The department, in collaboration with the office of the attorney general, shall establish the content of the training developed under Subsection (a).

(c)  On the date an employee begins employment with the department, the department shall provide notice to the employee of the availability of the training developed under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.