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H.B. No. 546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study and report by the Texas Commission on Law  
3 Enforcement on certain training and education requirements for law  
4 enforcement officers.

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

6 SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to ensure  
7 that law enforcement training best meets the needs of modern law  
8 enforcement work in this state and prepares law enforcement  
9 officers for the reality of working in communities in this state.

10 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

11 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law  
12 Enforcement.

13 (2) "Officer" means a peace officer or reserve law  
14 enforcement officer.

15 SECTION 3. STUDY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TRAINING AND  
16 EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) The commission shall study the  
17 training and education requirements for:

18 (1) continuing education programs recognized,  
19 prepared, or administered for officers under Section [1701.352](#),  
20 Occupations Code; and

21 (2) basic proficiency certificates issued to officers  
22 under Section [1701.402](#), Occupations Code.

23 (b) In conducting the study, the commission shall solicit  
24 input from and hold meetings with all interested parties.

1           SECTION 4. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2020, the  
2 commission shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
3 and each member of the legislature a report that includes:

4                   (1) the findings of the study conducted under Section  
5 3 of this Act; and

6                   (2) recommendations to update any of the training and  
7 education requirements studied under that section.

8           SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
9 1, 2019.