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H.B. No. 655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a peace officer training advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.2511 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.2511. OFFICER TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a)  
The officer training advisory committee is created. The committee is composed of:

(1) one member of the legislature, appointed by the governor and designated by the governor as the chair of the committee;

(2) three members of the senate, appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(3) three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) The committee shall conduct a study of the training programs the commission establishes and maintains under this chapter for officers who are required to hold a license as provided by Section 1701.301. The study must take into account the school curriculum, examination requirement, and training programs required for a person who seeks to become licensed as an officer.

(c) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair.

(d) Not later than December 1, 2020, the committee shall report the committee's findings and recommendations to the members

1 of the legislature. The committee's recommendations must include  
2 ways to improve the training programs provided by the commission to  
3 persons who seek a license as an officer under this chapter.

4 (e) This section expires December 1, 2021.

5 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2019, the relevant  
6 appointing officers shall appoint the members of the officer  
7 training advisory committee under Section 1701.2511, Occupations  
8 Code, as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.