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H.B. No. 876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the model training curriculum and required training for school district peace officers and school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.0812, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0812. TRAINING POLICY: SCHOOL DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. A school district [~~with an enrollment of 30,000 or more students~~] that commissions a school district peace officer or at which a school resource officer provides law enforcement shall adopt a policy requiring the officer to complete the education and training program required by Section 1701.263, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Section 1701.263(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission by rule shall require a school district peace officer or a school resource officer who is commissioned by or who provides law enforcement at a school district [~~with an enrollment of 30,000 or more students~~] to successfully complete an education and training program described by this section before or within 180 [~~120~~] days of the officer's commission by or placement in the district or a campus of the district. The program must:

(1) consist of at least 16 hours of training;

(2) be approved by the commission; and

1           (3) provide training in accordance with the curriculum  
2 developed under Section 1701.262 in each subject area listed in  
3 Subsection (c) of that section.

4           SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding Section 1701.263(b),  
5 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, a school district peace  
6 officer or school resource officer who commences employment with or  
7 commences providing law enforcement at a school district with an  
8 enrollment of fewer than 30,000 students on a date occurring before  
9 September 1, 2019, shall complete the training required by Section  
10 1701.263, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as  
11 practicable and not later than August 31, 2020. This subsection  
12 does not apply to an officer who is exempt from the training  
13 established under Section 1701.263, Occupations Code, as amended by  
14 this Act, because the officer has completed the training described  
15 by Subsection (b-1) of that section.

16           (b) Not later than October 1, 2019, a school district with  
17 an enrollment of fewer than 30,000 students shall adopt the  
18 training policy for school district peace officers and school  
19 resource officers required by Section 37.0812, Education Code, as  
20 amended by this Act.

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