

By: Turner of Dallas

H.B. No. 2144

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2144:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to peace officer instruction on veterans affected by
3 trauma.

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

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

7 (p) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
8 commission shall require an officer to complete a training program
9 developed under Section 1701.265 on veterans with combat-related
10 trauma, post-traumatic stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, and
11 traumatic brain injuries. An officer may satisfy the training
12 program required by this subsection by completing the training
13 program developed under Section 1701.265(b) or (c). An officer
14 shall complete the program not later than the second anniversary of
15 the date the officer is licensed under this chapter unless the
16 officer completes the program as part of the officer's basic
17 training course.

18 SECTION 2. Section 1701.265, Occupations Code, is amended
19 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 (c) The commission, in collaboration with the Texas
21 Veterans Commission, shall establish and maintain an alternative
22 training program of not more than eight hours that is based on and
23 similar to the training program established under Subsection (b).

24 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas

1 Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt the rules necessary to
2 implement Section 1701.253(p), Occupations Code, as added by this
3 Act.

4 SECTION 4. (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas
5 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the training program
6 required by Section 1701.265(c), Occupations Code, as added by this
7 Act.

8 (b) The minimum curriculum requirements under Section
9 1701.253(p), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a
10 peace officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on or
11 after January 1, 2020.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.