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H.B. No. 2405

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to education and training for peace officers regarding
3 trauma-informed techniques to facilitate interactions with
4 homeless individuals.

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

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

8 (p) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
9 commission shall establish and require an officer to complete a
10 statewide comprehensive education and training program on
11 trauma-informed techniques to facilitate interactions with
12 homeless youth and adults and on the resources available to those
13 individuals. An officer shall complete the program not later than
14 the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under
15 this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate
16 proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier.

17 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas
18 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the comprehensive
19 education and training program required by Section 1701.253(p),
20 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

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