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H.B. No. 2655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to an active shooter emergency protocol for public school
3 districts and required active shooter response training for school
4 district peace officers and school resource officers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.108, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

8 (f) A school district shall include in its multihazard
9 emergency operations plan a protocol for responding to an active
10 shooter emergency in a district facility. The protocol must
11 provide for school drills and exercises to prepare for an active
12 shooter emergency as part of the mandatory school drills and
13 exercises under Subsection (a)(2).

14 SECTION 2. Section 37.0812, Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 37.0812. TRAINING POLICY: SCHOOL DISTRICT PEACE
17 OFFICERS AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. (a) A school district peace
18 officer and school resource officer shall complete an active
19 shooter response training program approved by the Texas Commission
20 on Law Enforcement.

21 (b) A school district with an enrollment of 30,000 or more
22 students that commissions a school district peace officer or at
23 which a school resource officer provides law enforcement shall
24 adopt a policy requiring the officer to complete the education and

1 training program required by Section [1701.263](#), Occupations Code.

2 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
3 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall approve
4 an active shooter response training program required under Section
5 [37.0812](#), Education Code, as amended by this Act.

6 SECTION 4. A school district peace officer and school
7 resource officer who begin employment with or begin providing law
8 enforcement at a school district on a date occurring before
9 September 1, 2019, shall complete the training required by Section
10 [37.0812](#), Education Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as
11 practicable after the effective date of this Act but not later than
12 August 31, 2020.

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