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H.B. No. 2655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an active shooter emergency protocol for public school
3 districts and required active shooter training for school district
4 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 Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

8 (f) A school district shall include in its multihazard
9 emergency operations plan 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 (g) The commissioner shall adopt rules providing the number
15 and content of mandatory school drills required under Subsection
16 (f). In adopting rules under this subsection, the commissioner
17 shall consult with a public institution of higher education that
18 provides active shooter response training.

19 SECTION 2. Section 37.0812, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 37.0812. TRAINING POLICY: SCHOOL DISTRICT PEACE
22 OFFICERS AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS. (a) A school district that
23 commissions a school district peace officer or at which a school
24 resource officer provides law enforcement shall adopt a policy

1 requiring the officer to complete an active shooter response
2 training program approved by the commissioner. The commissioner
3 may approve an active shooter response training program provided by
4 a public institution of higher education for purposes of this
5 subsection.

6 (b) A school district with an enrollment of 30,000 or more
7 students that commissions a school district peace officer or at
8 which a school resource officer provides law enforcement shall
9 adopt a policy requiring the officer to complete the education and
10 training program required by Section 1701.263, Occupations Code.

11 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the commissioner of education shall adopt the rules
13 required by Section 37.108(g), Education Code, as added by this
14 Act.

15 SECTION 4. As soon as practicable after the effective date
16 of this Act, the commissioner of education shall approve an active
17 shooter response training program that satisfies the requirement
18 for a policy adopted under Section 37.0812, Education Code, as
19 amended by this Act.

20 SECTION 5. (a) Not later than October 1, 2019, a school
21 district shall adopt the training policy for school district peace
22 officers and school resource officers required by Section 37.0812,
23 Education Code, as amended by this Act.

24 (b) A school district peace officer or school resource
25 officer who begins employment with or begins providing law
26 enforcement at a school district on a date occurring before
27 September 1, 2019, shall complete the training required by Section

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1 37.0812, Education Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as
2 practicable after the effective date of this Act but not later than
3 August 31, 2020.

4 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.