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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 March 27, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the training of peace officers for family violence and
 1-18 sexual assault assignments.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1701.352(b), Occupations Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (b) The commission shall require a state, county, special
 1-23 district, or municipal agency that appoints or employs peace
 1-24 officers to provide each peace officer with a training program at
 1-25 least once every 48 months that is approved by the commission and
 1-26 consists of:

1-27 (1) topics selected by the agency; and
 1-28 (2) for an officer holding only a basic proficiency
 1-29 certificate, not more than 20 hours of education and training that
 1-30 contain curricula incorporating the learning objectives developed
 1-31 by the commission regarding:

1-32 (A) civil rights, racial sensitivity, and
 1-33 cultural diversity;

1-34 (B) de-escalation and crisis intervention
 1-35 techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental
 1-36 impairments;

1-37 (C) de-escalation techniques to facilitate
 1-38 interaction with members of the public, including techniques for
 1-39 limiting the use of force resulting in bodily injury; and

1-40 (D) unless determined by the agency head to be
 1-41 inconsistent with the officer's assigned duties:

1-42 (i) the recognition, ~~and~~ documentation,
 1-43 and investigation of cases that involve child abuse or neglect,
 1-44 family violence, and sexual assault, including the use of best
 1-45 practices and trauma-informed techniques to effectively recognize,
 1-46 document, and investigate those cases; and

1-47 (ii) issues concerning sex offender
 1-48 characteristics.

1-49 SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
 1-50 amended by adding Section 1701.4045 to read as follows:

1-51 Sec. 1701.4045. CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS FOR FAMILY
 1-52 VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT ASSIGNMENTS. (a) The commission by
 1-53 rule shall establish minimum requirements for the training,
 1-54 testing, and certification of special officers for responding to
 1-55 allegations of family violence or sexual assault.

1-56 (b) The commission may certify a peace officer as a special
 1-57 officer for responding to allegations of family violence or sexual
 1-58 assault if the person:

1-59 (1) completes an advanced training course
 1-60 administered by the commission on recognizing, documenting, and
 1-61 investigating family violence and sexual assault using best

2-1 practices and trauma-informed techniques; and
2-2 (2) passes an examination administered by the
2-3 commission that is designed to test the person's:

2-4 (A) knowledge and recognition of the signs of
2-5 family violence and sexual assault; and

2-6 (B) skill at documenting and investigating
2-7 family violence and sexual assault using best practices and
2-8 trauma-informed techniques.

2-9 (c) The commission may issue a professional achievement or
2-10 proficiency certificate to a peace officer who meets the
2-11 requirements of Subsection (b).

2-12 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-13 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt
2-14 rules necessary to implement Section 1701.4045, Occupations Code,
2-15 as added by this Act.

2-16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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