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S.B. No. 971

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to peace officer training on recognizing and recording
circumstances that indicate strangulation in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253(d), Occupations Code, is
amended to read as follows:

(d) Training in documentation of cases required by
Subsection (b) shall include instruction in:

(1) making a written account of the extent of injuries
sustained by the victim of an alleged offense;

(2) recording by photograph or videotape the area in
which an alleged offense occurred and the victim's injuries; ~~and~~

(3) recognizing and recording a victim's statement
that may be admissible as evidence in a proceeding concerning the
matter about which the statement was made; and

(4) recognizing and recording circumstances
indicating that a victim may have been assaulted in the manner
described by Section 22.01(b)(2)(B), Penal Code.

SECTION 2. Section 1701.352(f), Occupations Code, is
amended to read as follows:

(f) Training in documentation of cases required by
Subsection (b) shall include instruction in:

(1) making a written account of the extent of injuries
sustained by the victim of an alleged offense;

1 (2) recording by photograph or videotape the area in
2 which an alleged offense occurred and the victim's injuries; ~~and~~

3 (3) recognizing and recording a victim's statement
4 that may be admissible as evidence in a proceeding concerning the
5 matter about which the statement was made; and

6 (4) recognizing and recording circumstances
7 indicating that a victim may have been assaulted in the manner
8 described by Section 22.01(b)(2)(B), Penal Code.

9 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas
10 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish or modify training
11 programs as necessary to comply with Section 1701.253, Occupations
12 Code, as amended by this Act.

13 (b) The minimum curriculum requirements under Section
14 1701.253(d), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, apply only
15 to a peace officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on
16 or after January 1, 2020.

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