By:  Thompson of Harris, Reynolds, H.B. No. 831

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 831:

By:  Bowers C.S.H.B. No. 831

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the basic peace officer training course, including training for peace officers on the prohibition against the intentional use of certain neck restraints.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.2551 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.2551.  BASIC PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE; PROHIBITED USE OF CERTAIN RESTRAINTS. (a) The basic peace officer training course required as part of a peace officer training program under Section 1701.251(a) may be no less than 720 hours.

(b)  The basic peace officer training course must include training on the prohibition against the intentional use of a choke hold, carotid artery hold, or similar neck restraint by a peace officer in searching or arresting a person, unless the officer reasonably believes the restraint is necessary to prevent serious bodily injury to or the death of the peace officer or another person.

SECTION 2.  (a) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall modify the curriculum of the basic peace officer training course as necessary to comply with Section 1701.2551, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(b)  The minimum hour and content requirements for the basic peace officer training course under Section 1701.2551, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply only to a person who first begins the course on or after July 1, 2022.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.