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By:  Thompson of Harris H.B. No. 832

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties and powers of peace officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 2.13(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The officer [~~shall~~]:

(1)  may, if authorized [~~in every case authorized by the provisions of this Code~~], interfere without warrant to prevent or suppress crime;

(2)  shall execute all lawful process issued to the officer by any magistrate or court;

(3)  shall give notice to some magistrate of all offenses committed within the officer's jurisdiction, if [~~where~~] the officer has probable cause [~~good reason~~] to believe there has been a violation of the penal law; [~~and~~]

(4)  may, if authorized, arrest offenders without warrant so [~~in every case where the officer is authorized by law, in order~~] that they may be taken before the proper magistrate or court and be tried;

(5)  shall make an identification as a peace officer before taking any action within the course and scope of the officer's official duties unless the identification would render the action impracticable;

(6)  shall intervene if the use of force by another peace officer:

(A)  violates state or federal law or a policy of any entity served by the other officer;

(B)  puts any person at risk of bodily injury, unless the officer reasonably believes that the other officer's use of force is immediately necessary to avoid imminent harm to a peace officer or other person; or

(C)  is not required to apprehend or complete the apprehension of a suspect; and

(7)  shall provide aid immediately to any person who needs medical attention, including a person who needs medical attention as a result of the use of force by a peace officer.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.