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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

1 peace officer:

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

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

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

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

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