

By: Bowers

H.B. No. 1262

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1262:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to training for certain peace officers regarding
3 trauma-informed techniques to facilitate interactions with
4 homeless individuals.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1701.352, Occupations Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

8 (j) A peace officer who is employed by the law enforcement
9 agency of a political subdivision with a homeless population of 25
10 or more, as determined by the commission, must complete as part of
11 the course provided for the officer under Subsection (b) a one-time
12 training program established by the commission on trauma-informed
13 techniques to facilitate interactions with homeless youth and
14 adults and on the resources available to those individuals. The
15 training program must be completed not later than the second
16 anniversary of the date the officer was hired. The commission shall
17 determine and notify, for each 48-month training cycle described by
18 Subsection (b), each law enforcement agency to which this
19 subsection applies.

20 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas
21 Commission on Law Enforcement shall:

22 (1) establish the training program required by Section
23 1701.352(j), Occupations Code, as added by this Act; and

24 (2) determine and notify the law enforcement agencies

1 to which Section 1701.352(j), Occupations Code, as added by this
2 Act, applies.

3 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Section 1701.352(j),
4 Occupations Code, as added by this Act, a peace officer who on
5 January 1, 2022, is employed by a law enforcement agency to which
6 that section applies must complete the training required by that
7 section not later than January 1, 2024.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.