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H.B. No. 1262

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to education and training for 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 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended  
7 by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

8 (q) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the  
9 commission shall establish and require an officer to complete a  
10 statewide comprehensive education and training program on  
11 trauma-informed techniques to facilitate interactions with  
12 homeless youth and adults and on the resources available to those  
13 individuals. An officer shall complete the program not later than  
14 the last day of the first full continuing education training period  
15 after the date the officer is licensed under this chapter or the  
16 date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency  
17 certificate, whichever date is earlier.

18 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas  
19 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the comprehensive  
20 education and training program required by Section 1701.253(q),  
21 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 3. Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added  
23 by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an application for  
24 a peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, on or

1 after January 1, 2022. A person who submits an application for a  
2 peace officer license under Chapter [1701](#), Occupations Code, before  
3 January 1, 2022, is governed by the law in effect immediately before  
4 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
5 effect for that purpose.

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