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H.B. No. 1443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county jailer training on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.310, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The commission shall require a county jailer who has been licensed as a county jailer for more than one year to complete a one-time training program on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice system. A county jailer may complete the training program as an online course.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies to a county jailer licensed under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, regardless of whether the license was issued before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) A county jailer who, as of the effective date of this Act, has been licensed as a county jailer for more than one year shall complete the training program described by Section 1701.310(g), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2023.

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