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H.B. No. 2475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county jailer training regarding interacting with a person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.269 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.269. TRAINING PROGRAM RELATING TO COUNTY JAILER INTERACTIONS WITH PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. (a) The commission and the Commission on Jail Standards shall jointly develop a training program for county jailers that consists of at least four hours of education and training on interacting with a person with an intellectual or developmental disability who is confined in a county jail, including techniques to assess a person for an intellectual or developmental disability.

(b) A county jailer who completes the training program may count the hours toward the jailer's continuing education requirements under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall develop the training program required by Section 1701.269, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

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