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S.B. No. 894

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the model training curriculum and required education and training of security personnel employed by a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.0812, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0812. TRAINING POLICY: SCHOOL DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS, ~~[AND]~~ SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND SECURITY PERSONNEL.

(a) A school district peace officer, ~~[or]~~ school resource officer, or person employed as security personnel shall complete an active shooter response training program approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

(b) A school district that commissions a school district peace officer or employs security personnel or at which a school resource officer provides law enforcement shall adopt a policy requiring the officer or security personnel to complete the education and training program required by Section 1701.263, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 1701.262, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.262. TRAINING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS, ~~[AND]~~ SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL.

SECTION 3. Section 1701.262(a), Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

1           (5) "School security personnel" means a person  
2 employed as security personnel by the board of trustees of a school  
3 district under Section 37.081, Education Code.

4           SECTION 4. Sections 1701.262(b) and (e), Occupations Code,  
5 are amended to read as follows:

6           (b) The commission, in consultation with an institute or the  
7 center, shall create, adopt, and distribute a model training  
8 curriculum for school district peace officers, ~~and~~ school  
9 resource officers, and school security personnel.

10          (e) The commission shall provide the curriculum developed  
11 under this section and any supplemental education materials created  
12 for the curriculum to:

13           (1) school district police departments;

14           (2) law enforcement agencies that place peace officers  
15 in a school as school resource officers under a memorandum of  
16 understanding; and

17           (3) any entity that provides training to school  
18 district peace officers, ~~or~~ school resource officers, or school  
19 security personnel.

20          SECTION 5. Section 1701.263, Occupations Code, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22          Sec. 1701.263. EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL  
23 DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS, ~~AND~~ SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, AND SCHOOL  
24 SECURITY PERSONNEL. (a) In this section:

25           (1) "School district peace officer" and "school  
26 security personnel" have ~~has~~ the meanings ~~meaning~~ assigned by  
27 Section 1701.262.

1           (2) "School resource officer" has the meaning assigned  
2 by Section [1701.601](#).

3           (b) The commission by rule shall require a school district  
4 peace officer or a school resource officer who is commissioned by or  
5 who provides law enforcement at a school district or school  
6 security personnel at a school district to successfully complete an  
7 education and training program described by this section before or  
8 within 180 days of the officer's or person's commission by, ~~or~~  
9 placement in, or employment at the district or a campus of the  
10 district. The program must:

- 11           (1) consist of at least 16 hours of training;  
12           (2) be approved by the commission; and  
13           (3) provide training in accordance with the curriculum  
14 developed under Section [1701.262](#) in each subject area listed in  
15 Subsection (c) of that section.

16           (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b) or a rule adopted  
17 under that section, a school district peace officer, ~~or~~ school  
18 resource officer, or school security personnel is not required to  
19 successfully complete the education and training program required  
20 by this section if the officer or person has successfully completed  
21 the advanced training course conducted by the National Association  
22 of School Resource Officers or a training course equivalent to that  
23 advanced training course, as determined by the commission.

24           (c) The education and training program required under this  
25 section may not require a peace officer or school security  
26 personnel to pass an examination, except that the commission shall  
27 administer an examination to qualify officers or security personnel

1 to provide the education and training to other officers or security  
2 personnel. The examination to qualify an officer or person  
3 [~~officers~~] to provide the education and training must test the  
4 officer's or person's knowledge and recognition of the subject  
5 areas listed in Section 1701.262(c).

6 (d) The commission shall issue a professional achievement  
7 or proficiency certificate to an [~~a peace~~] officer or person who  
8 completes the education and training program under this section.

9 SECTION 6. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
10 of this Act and not later than December 1, 2021:

11 (1) a school district that employs security personnel  
12 shall adopt a policy as required by Section 37.0812(b), Education  
13 Code, as amended by this Act; and

14 (2) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall  
15 amend the model training curriculum and rules as necessary to  
16 implement Sections 1701.262 and 1701.263, Occupations Code, as  
17 amended by this Act.

18 SECTION 7. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
19 date of this Act but not later than August 31, 2022, a person  
20 employed as security personnel by a school district who begins  
21 employment on a date occurring before December 1, 2021, shall  
22 complete:

23 (1) the training required by Section 37.0812,  
24 Education Code, as amended by this Act; and

25 (2) the training required by Section 1701.263,  
26 Occupations Code, as amended by this Act.

27 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to a

1 person who is exempt from the training established under Section  
2 [1701.263](#), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, because the  
3 person has completed the training described by Subsection (b-1) of  
4 that section.

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