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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notification requirements for deaths caused by peace officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.1391 to read as follows:

Art. 2.1391.  NOTICE REQUIRED FOR DEATH CAUSED BY OFFICER. (a) As soon as practicable after a peace officer causes the death of another while in the discharge of the officer's duties, the law enforcement agency that employs the officer shall notify the immediate family and household members of the deceased individual of the death and provide a chaplain, victim services professional, or peace officer employed by the agency to:

(1)  console the immediate family or household members; and

(2)  provide information regarding relevant resources available in the community.

(b)  An action taken by a law enforcement agency or a chaplain, victim services professional, or peace officer in accordance with this article may not be construed as an admission of liability on behalf of the agency or the peace officer who caused the death.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.