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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a school security officer license to provide private security services at a public primary or secondary school.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 96, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 96.42 to read as follows:

Sec. 96.42.  CERTAIN REQUIRED TRAINING PROVIDED BY ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING CENTER. The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University--San Marcos shall permit a person who applies for a school security officer license under Section 1702.213, Occupations Code, to enroll in the Solo Officer Rapid Deployment and the Level I training courses offered by the center, or in a substantially similar course offered by the center, in the same manner as the center permits a peace officer to enroll in the course.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I-1. SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER

Sec. 1702.211.  SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER LICENSE REQUIRED. An individual may not act as a school security officer unless the individual holds a school security officer license.

Sec. 1702.212.  SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER. An individual acts as a school security officer if the individual is employed by or contracted through a company licensed under this chapter to provide services described by Section 1702.202 or 1702.222 on the premises of a public primary or secondary school.

Sec. 1702.213.  APPLICATION; LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS. (a) An applicant for a school security officer license must submit a written application on a form prescribed by the commission.

(b)  An applicant for a school security officer license must provide proof that the applicant:

(1)  has been issued a noncommissioned security officer license, a security officer commission, or a personal protection officer license;

(2)  is employed at the time of application by an investigations company or guard company licensed by the department; and

(3)  has completed:

(A)  the training course described by Section 96.42, Education Code; and

(B)  the training described by Section 1702.214.

Sec. 1702.214.  SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER TRAINING. The commission shall establish the minimum curriculum requirements for a school-based security response course and establish minimum qualifications for instructors to provide the training.

Sec. 1702.215.  WEAPON RESTRICTIONS. An individual acting as a school security officer may not carry a weapon on the premises of a public primary or secondary school in the scope of performing the person's duties unless authorized under Section 37.081, Education Code.

SECTION 3.  (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

(b)  Section 1702.211, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, takes effect September 1, 2024.