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By:  Eckhardt S.B. No. 1380

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for peace officers on acquired and traumatic brain injuries and trauma-affected veterans.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

(q)  As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete the training programs established under Sections 1701.264 and 1701.265. An officer shall complete the programs not later than the last day of the first full continuing education training period that begins on or after the date the officer is licensed under this chapter unless the officer completes the programs as part of the officer's basic training course.

SECTION 2.  Section 1701.264, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)  The commission by rule shall require an officer to complete the training program established under this section unless the officer has completed the training under Section 1701.253(q) or other training equivalent to the training program as determined by the commission.

SECTION 3.  Section 1701.265, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c)  The commission by rule shall require an officer to complete the training program established under this section unless the officer has completed the training under Section 1701.253(q) or other training equivalent to the training program as determined by the commission.

SECTION 4.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules to implement Sections 1701.253(q), 1701.264(c), and 1701.265(c), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 5.  The minimum curriculum requirements under Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply only to an officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on or after January 1, 2024.

SECTION 6.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.