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H.B. No. 2650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the continuation and duties of the Sexual Assault
3 Survivors' Task Force and establishment of a mandatory training
4 program for peace officers on responding to reports of child sexual
5 abuse and adult sexual assault.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 772.0064(m), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (m) Chapter 2110 does not apply to the composition or
10 duration of the task force or to the designation of the task force's
11 presiding officer [~~This section expires September 1, 2023~~].

12 SECTION 2. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
13 by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

14 (q) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
15 commission shall require an officer to complete the basic education
16 and training program developed under Section 1701.272. An officer
17 shall complete the program not later than the last day of the first
18 full continuing education training period after the date the
19 officer is licensed under this chapter unless the officer completes
20 the program as part of the officer's basic training course.

21 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 1701.272 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 1701.272. TRAINING PROGRAM ON RESPONDING TO SEXUAL
24 ABUSE OR ASSAULT. (a) The commission shall, in consultation with

1 the Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force established under Section
2 772.0064, Government Code, establish a basic education and training
3 program on child sexual abuse and adult sexual assault, including
4 the use of best practices and techniques to effectively recognize,
5 investigate, and document those cases. The training program must
6 consist of at least eight hours of instruction.

7 (b) The commission shall require an officer to complete the
8 training program unless the officer has completed the training
9 under Section 1701.253(q) or other training equivalent to the
10 training program as determined by the commission.

11 SECTION 4. Section 1701.253(b-2), Occupations Code, is
12 repealed.

13 SECTION 5. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Texas
14 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the training program
15 required by Section 1701.272, Occupations Code, as added by this
16 Act.

17 SECTION 6. The minimum curriculum requirements under
18 Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply
19 only to an officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on
20 or after January 1, 2024.

21 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.