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H.B. No. 3910

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

1 contracted through a company licensed under this chapter to provide
2 services described by Section 1702.202 or 1702.222 on the premises
3 of a public primary or secondary school.

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

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

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

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

15 (3) has completed:

16 (A) the training course described by Section
17 96.42, Education Code; and

18 (B) the training described by Section 1702.214.

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

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

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

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