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S.B. No. 1852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to active shooter training for peace officers.

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 a training program of not less than 16 hours on responding to an active shooter as developed by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University--San Marcos. An officer shall complete the program 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 program as part of the officer's basic training course. Completion of a training program under this subsection satisfies any other requirement, other than a continuing education requirement under Section 1701.3525, for the officer to complete a training program on responding to active shootings, including under Section 37.0812(a), Education Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.3525 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.3525. ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING REQUIRED FOR OFFICERS. (a) As part of the continuing education programs under Section 1701.351(a), an officer must complete not less than

1 16 hours of training on responding to an active shooter as developed
2 by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at
3 Texas State University--San Marcos.

4 (b) The exemptions under Sections 1701.351(b), (c), and (d)
5 do not apply to the training required by Subsection (a).

6 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
7 of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt
8 rules to implement Sections 1701.253(q) and 1701.3525, Occupations
9 Code, as added by this Act.

10 SECTION 4. The minimum curriculum requirements under
11 Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply
12 only to an officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on
13 or after January 1, 2024.

14 SECTION 5. Section 1701.3525, Occupations Code, as added by
15 this Act, applies only with respect to a 24-month continuing
16 education training unit that begins on or after the effective date
17 of this Act. A training unit that begins before the effective date
18 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the training
19 unit began, and the former law is continued in effect for that
20 purpose.

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