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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 provided by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University--San Marcos, or a similar organization approved by the commission. 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 for the officer to complete a training program on responding to active shooters, including under Section 37.0812(a), Education Code.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules to implement Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. The minimum curriculum requirements under

1 Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, apply
2 to an officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on or
3 after September 1, 2023.

4 SECTION 4. (a) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement
5 officer who holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code,
6 issued on or before September 1, 2023 shall complete a training
7 program established under Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code,
8 as added by this Act, not later than August 31, 2027.

9 (b) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who
10 holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or
11 before September 1, 2023, that has completed a training program
12 established under Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added
13 by this Act, is exempt from (a).

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.