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H.B. No. 4796

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the evaluation of the physical fitness of certain peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 370, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 370.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.010. PEACE OFFICER PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS AND EVALUATION. (a) Each law enforcement agency of a political subdivision shall:

(1) adopt physical fitness standards for peace officers that are at least as stringent as the physical fitness standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety under Section 614.172, Government Code; and

(2) annually evaluate the physical fitness of each peace officer employed by the agency based on the standards adopted under Subdivision (1).

(b) Each law enforcement agency shall require a peace officer employed by the agency who fails to meet a standard adopted under Subsection (a)(1) to participate in a physical fitness program described by Section 1701.171, Occupations Code, provided by the agency until the officer meets the standard.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.171 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.171. PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM FOR OFFICERS. The

1 commission shall develop and make available to law enforcement
2 agencies a physical fitness program providing diet and exercise
3 recommendations for officers.

4 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
5 of this Act:

6 (1) each law enforcement agency of a political
7 subdivision shall adopt the physical fitness standards required by
8 Section 370.010, Local Government Code, as added by this Act; and

9 (2) the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall
10 develop and make available the physical fitness program required by
11 Section 1701.171, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2026.