

AN ACT

relating to county jailer training on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice system.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.273 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.273. TRAINING PROGRAM RELATING TO COUNTY JAILER INTERACTIONS WITH VETERANS. The commission shall, in consultation with the Texas Veterans Commission, develop a training program for county jailers on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice system.

SECTION 2. Section 1701.310(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a person may not be appointed as a county jailer, except on a temporary basis, unless the person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory training program, as required by the commission, in the operation of a county jail at a school operated or licensed by the commission. The training program must:

(1) consist of at least eight hours of mental health training approved by the commission and the Commission on Jail Standards; and

(2) include the training program developed under Section 1701.273.

1 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies to
2 a county jailer licensed under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code,
3 regardless of whether the license was issued before, on, or after
4 the effective date of this Act.

5 (b) A county jailer who, on the effective date of this Act,
6 holds a county jailer license shall complete the training program
7 described by Section 1701.273, Occupations Code, as added by this
8 Act, not later than August 31, 2027.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1563 passed the Senate on April 2, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1563 passed the House on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 96, Nays 44, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor