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S.B. No. 202

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to inclusion of instruction regarding interaction with peace officers in the required curriculum for ninth grade public school students and to civilian interaction training for peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.012. INSTRUCTION ON INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

(b) The board and the commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's respective responsibilities in developing instruction on proper interaction with peace officers during traffic stops and other in-person encounters.

(c) The board and the commission may consult with any interested party in developing the instruction under this section.

(d) Before finalizing any instruction under this section, the board and the commission shall provide a reasonable period for public comment.

SECTION 2. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (b-20) to read as follows:

2 (b-20) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
3 include the instruction developed under Section 28.012 in the
4 required curriculum for students in ninth grade.

5 SECTION 3. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

7 (n) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
8 commission shall require an officer to complete the civilian
9 interaction training program developed under Section 1701.268. An
10 officer shall complete the program not later than the second
11 anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter
12 unless the officer completes the program as part of the officer's
13 basic training course.

14 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 1701.268 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 1701.268. CIVILIAN INTERACTION TRAINING PROGRAM. (a)
17 In this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.

18 (b) The commission and the board shall enter into a
19 memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's
20 respective responsibilities in developing a training program on
21 proper interaction with civilians during traffic stops and other
22 in-person encounters.

23 (c) The commission and the board may consult with any
24 interested party in developing the training program under this
25 section.

26 (d) Before finalizing a training program under this
27 section, the commission and the board shall provide a reasonable

1 period for public comment.

2 SECTION 5. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018, the State
3 Board of Education and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
4 shall develop:

5 (1) the instruction required under Section 28.012,
6 Education Code, as added by this Act; and

7 (2) the training program required under Section
8 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

9 (b) Section 28.025(b-20), Education Code, as added by this
10 Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

11 (c) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who
12 holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or
13 before January 1, 2018, shall complete a training program
14 established under Section 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by
15 this Act, not later than January 1, 2020.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.