

1-1 By: Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 2372
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2015;
 1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman			X	
1-9 Burton	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Hinojosa	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Perry	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to training requirements for juvenile correctional
 1-18 officers employed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.
 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-20 SECTION 1. Section 242.009(b), Human Resources Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:
 1-22 (b) The department shall provide competency-based training
 1-23 to each juvenile correctional officer employed by the department,
 1-24 which must include on-the-job training. Each officer must complete
 1-25 at least 300 hours of training in the officer's first year of
 1-26 employment, with at least 240 [300] hours of training [, which must
 1-27 include on-the-job training,] before the officer independently
 1-28 commences the officer's duties at the facility. The officer must
 1-29 demonstrate competency in the trained subjects as required by the
 1-30 department. The training must provide the officer with information
 1-31 and instruction related to the officer's duties, including
 1-32 information and instruction concerning:
 1-33 (1) the juvenile justice system of this state,
 1-34 including the juvenile correctional facility system;
 1-35 (2) security procedures;
 1-36 (3) the supervision of children committed to the
 1-37 department;
 1-38 (4) signs of suicide risks and suicide precautions;
 1-39 (5) signs and symptoms of the abuse, assault, neglect,
 1-40 and exploitation of a child, including sexual abuse, sexual
 1-41 assault, and human trafficking, and the manner in which to report
 1-42 the abuse, assault, neglect, or exploitation of a child;
 1-43 (6) the neurological, physical, and psychological
 1-44 development of adolescents;
 1-45 (7) department rules and regulations, including
 1-46 rules, regulations, and tactics concerning the use of force;
 1-47 (8) appropriate restraint techniques;
 1-48 (9) the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C.
 1-49 Section 15601, et seq.);
 1-50 (10) the rights and responsibilities of children in
 1-51 the custody of the department;
 1-52 (11) interpersonal relationship skills;
 1-53 (12) the social and cultural lifestyles of children in
 1-54 the custody of the department;
 1-55 (13) first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
 1-56 (14) counseling techniques;
 1-57 (15) conflict resolution and dispute mediation,
 1-58 including de-escalation techniques;
 1-59 (16) behavior management;
 1-60 (17) mental health issues;
 1-61 (18) employee rights, employment discrimination, and

2-1 sexual harassment; and
2-2 (19) trauma-informed care.

2-3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2-4 to a juvenile correctional officer hired by the Texas Juvenile
2-5 Justice Department on or after the effective date of this Act. A
2-6 juvenile correctional officer hired before the effective date of
2-7 this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
2-8 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
2-9 that purpose.

2-10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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