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S.B. No. 30

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to inclusion of instruction regarding interaction with peace officers in the required curriculum for certain public school students and in driver education courses 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.

(3) "Driver training school" has the meaning assigned by Section 1001.001.

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

(1) the role of law enforcement and the duties and responsibilities of police officers;

(2) a person's rights concerning interactions with

1 police officers;

2 (3) proper behavior for civilians and police officers
3 during interactions;

4 (4) laws regarding questioning and detention by police
5 officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of
6 identity to a police officer, and the consequences for a person's or
7 officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

8 (5) how and where to file a complaint against or a
9 compliment on behalf of a police officer.

10 (c) In developing the instruction under this section, the
11 board and the commission may consult with any interested party,
12 including a volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making
13 recommendations regarding the instruction.

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

17 (e) Subject to rules adopted by the board, a school district
18 or open-enrollment charter school may tailor the instruction
19 developed under this section as appropriate for the district's or
20 school's community. In tailoring the instruction, the district or
21 school shall solicit input from local law enforcement agencies,
22 driver training schools, and the community.

23 SECTION 2. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by
24 adding Subsection (b-20) to read as follows:

25 (b-20) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
26 include the instruction developed under Section 28.012 in one or
27 more courses in the required curriculum for students in grade

1 levels 9 through 12.

2 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 1001.109 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1001.109. INFORMATION RELATING TO TRAFFIC STOPS.

5 (a) The commission by rule shall require that information relating
6 to law enforcement procedures for traffic stops be included in the
7 curriculum of each driver education course and driving safety
8 course. The curriculum must include:

9 (1) a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken
10 during a traffic stop; and

11 (2) information regarding:

12 (A) the role of law enforcement and the duties
13 and responsibilities of police officers;

14 (B) a person's rights concerning interactions
15 with police officers;

16 (C) proper behavior for civilians and police
17 officers during interactions;

18 (D) laws regarding questioning and detention by
19 police officers, including any law requiring a person to present
20 proof of identity to a police officer, and the consequences for a
21 person's or officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

22 (E) how and where to file a complaint against or a
23 compliment on behalf of a police officer.

24 (b) In developing the curriculum under this section, the
25 commission may consult with any interested party, including a
26 volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making
27 recommendations regarding the curriculum.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
2 by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

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

10 SECTION 5. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
11 amended by adding Section 1701.268 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 1701.268. CIVILIAN INTERACTION TRAINING PROGRAM.

13 (a) In this section, "board" means the State Board of Education.

14 (b) The commission and the board shall enter into a
15 memorandum of understanding that establishes each agency's
16 respective responsibilities in developing a training program,
17 including training and testing materials, on proper interaction
18 with civilians during traffic stops and other in-person encounters.
19 The training program must include information regarding:

20 (1) the role of law enforcement and the duties and
21 responsibilities of police officers;

22 (2) a person's rights concerning interactions with
23 police officers;

24 (3) proper behavior for civilians and police officers
25 during interactions;

26 (4) laws regarding questioning and detention by police
27 officers, including any law requiring a person to present proof of

1 identity to a police officer, and the consequences for a person's or
2 officer's failure to comply with those laws; and

3 (5) how and where to file a complaint against or a
4 compliment on behalf of a police officer.

5 (c) In developing the training program under this section,
6 the commission and the board may consult with any interested party,
7 including a volunteer work group convened for the purpose of making
8 recommendations regarding the training program.

9 (d) Before finalizing a training program under this
10 section, the commission and the board shall provide a reasonable
11 period for public comment.

12 SECTION 6. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018:

13 (1) the State Board of Education and the Texas
14 Commission on Law Enforcement shall develop:

15 (A) the instruction required under Section
16 28.012, Education Code, as added by this Act; and

17 (B) the training program required under Section
18 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act; and

19 (2) the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation
20 shall adopt rules regarding the curriculum required under Section
21 1001.109, Education Code, as added by this Act.

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

24 (c) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who
25 holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or
26 before January 1, 2018, shall complete a training program
27 established under Section 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by

1 this Act, not later than January 1, 2020.

2 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.