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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to inclusion of instruction regarding interaction with  
3 peace officers in the required curriculum for certain public school  
4 students and in driver education courses and to civilian  
5 interaction training for peace officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (1) be based on recommendations made by the  
21 Stakeholder Task Force on Police and Citizen Interactions convened  
22 for that purpose; and

23 (2) include information regarding:

24 (A) the role of law enforcement and the duties

1 and responsibilities of peace officers;

2 (B) a person's rights concerning interactions  
3 with peace officers;

4 (C) proper behavior for civilians and peace  
5 officers during interactions;

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

10 (E) how and where to file a complaint against or a  
11 compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

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

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) A local district or open-enrollment charter school  
18 shall offer this instructional module on proper interaction with  
19 peace officers during traffic stops and other in-person encounters.  
20 A district or open-enrollment charter may offer this instructional  
21 module as part of another required curriculum in Section  
22 [28.002\(a\)\(1\)](#).

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 the  
27 required curriculum for students in grade levels 9 through 12.

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

3 Sec. 1001.109. INFORMATION RELATING TO TRAFFIC STOPS.

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

8 (1) be based on recommendations made by the  
9 Stakeholder Task Force on Police and Citizen Interactions convened  
10 for that purpose; and

11 (2) include:

12 (A) a demonstration of the proper actions to be  
13 taken during a traffic stop; and

14 (B) information regarding:

15 (i) the role of law enforcement and the  
16 duties and responsibilities of peace officers;

17 (ii) a person's rights concerning  
18 interactions with peace officers;

19 (iii) proper behavior for civilians and  
20 peace officers during interactions;

21 (iv) laws regarding questioning and  
22 detention by peace officers, including any law requiring a person  
23 to present proof of identity to a peace officer, and the  
24 consequences for a person's or officer's failure to comply with  
25 those laws; and

26 (v) how and where to file a complaint  
27 against or compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

1       (b) The commission shall develop instructional materials  
2 and testing materials for the curriculum described by Subsection  
3 (a).

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

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

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

15       Sec. 1701.268. CIVILIAN INTERACTION TRAINING PROGRAM.

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

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

22       The training program must:

23               (1) be based on recommendations made by the  
24 Stakeholder Task Force on Police and Citizen Interactions convened  
25 for that purpose; and

26               (2) include information regarding:

27                       (A) the role of law enforcement and the duties

1 and responsibilities of peace officers;

2 (B) a person's rights concerning interactions  
3 with peace officers;

4 (C) proper behavior for civilians and peace  
5 officers during interactions;

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

10 (E) how and where to file a complaint against or  
11 compliment on behalf of a peace officer.

12 (c) The commission and the board may consult with any  
13 interested party in developing the training program under this  
14 section.

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

18 SECTION 6. (a) Not later than September 1, 2018, the State  
19 Board of Education and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement  
20 shall develop:

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

23 (2) the training program required under Section  
24 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

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

27 (c) A peace officer or reserve law enforcement officer who

1 holds a license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, issued on or  
2 before January 1, 2018, shall complete a training program  
3 established under Section 1701.268, Occupations Code, as added by  
4 this Act, not later than January 1, 2020.

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