

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 1415  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2019;  
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Administration; May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to continuing education training on civil process for  
 1-18 constables.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1701.3545, Occupations Code, is amended  
 1-21 by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (f) and adding Subsection  
 1-22 (b-1) to read as follows:

1-23 (a) A public institution of higher education selected by the  
 1-24 commission shall establish and offer a program of initial training  
 1-25 and a program of continuing education for constables. The  
 1-26 curriculum for each program must relate to law enforcement  
 1-27 management [~~and civil process issues~~]. The institution selected  
 1-28 under this subsection shall develop the curriculum for the  
 1-29 programs. The curriculum must be approved by the commission.

1-30 (b) Each constable must complete at least 40 hours of  
 1-31 continuing education provided by the selected institution under  
 1-32 Subsection (a) [~~this section~~] each 48-month period. The commission  
 1-33 by rule shall establish a uniform 48-month continuing education  
 1-34 training period.

1-35 (b-1) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (b),  
 1-36 during each 48-month continuing education training period each  
 1-37 constable must complete at least 20 hours of continuing education  
 1-38 instruction on civil process to be provided by a public institution  
 1-39 of higher education selected by the commission under this  
 1-40 subsection. The commission shall establish minimum curriculum  
 1-41 requirements for the continuing education course on civil process  
 1-42 required by this subsection. The commission may waive the  
 1-43 continuing education requirements of this subsection if:

1-44 (1) a constable requests a waiver because of hardship;

1-45 and

1-46 (2) the commission determines that a hardship exists.

1-47 (f) An individual who is subject to the continuing education  
 1-48 requirements of Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and (b-1) is exempt  
 1-49 from other continuing education requirements under this  
 1-50 subchapter.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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