

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 971
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2019; March 1, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 March 27, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 27, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to peace officer training on recognizing and recording
 1-18 circumstances that indicate strangulation in certain cases.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 1701.253(d), Occupations Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (d) Training in documentation of cases required by
 1-23 Subsection (b) shall include instruction in:

1-24 (1) making a written account of the extent of injuries
 1-25 sustained by the victim of an alleged offense;

1-26 (2) recording by photograph or videotape the area in
 1-27 which an alleged offense occurred and the victim's injuries; ~~and~~

1-28 (3) recognizing and recording a victim's statement
 1-29 that may be admissible as evidence in a proceeding concerning the
 1-30 matter about which the statement was made; and

1-31 (4) recognizing and recording circumstances
 1-32 indicating that a victim may have been assaulted in the manner
 1-33 described by Section 22.01(b)(2)(B), Penal Code.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 1701.352(f), Occupations Code, is
 1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 (f) Training in documentation of cases required by
 1-37 Subsection (b) shall include instruction in:

1-38 (1) making a written account of the extent of injuries
 1-39 sustained by the victim of an alleged offense;

1-40 (2) recording by photograph or videotape the area in
 1-41 which an alleged offense occurred and the victim's injuries; ~~and~~

1-42 (3) recognizing and recording a victim's statement
 1-43 that may be admissible as evidence in a proceeding concerning the
 1-44 matter about which the statement was made; and

1-45 (4) recognizing and recording circumstances
 1-46 indicating that a victim may have been assaulted in the manner
 1-47 described by Section 22.01(b)(2)(B), Penal Code.

1-48 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas
 1-49 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish or modify training
 1-50 programs as necessary to comply with Section 1701.253, Occupations
 1-51 Code, as amended by this Act.

1-52 (b) The minimum curriculum requirements under Section
 1-53 1701.253(d), Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, apply only
 1-54 to a peace officer who first begins to satisfy those requirements on
 1-55 or after January 1, 2020.

1-56 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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