

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 1879
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 18, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 April 23, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 23, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1879 By: Perry

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to firearms training for county jailers.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 1701.2561 to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 1701.2561. FIREARMS TRAINING FOR COUNTY JAILERS.
 1-24 (a) The commission shall develop a basic training program in the
 1-25 use of firearms by county jailers. The program must provide
 1-26 instruction in:
 1-27 (1) legal limitations on the use of firearms and on the
 1-28 powers and authority of jailers;
 1-29 (2) range firing and procedure;
 1-30 (3) firearms safety and maintenance; and
 1-31 (4) other topics determined by the commission to be
 1-32 necessary for the responsible use of firearms by jailers.
 1-33 (b) The commission shall administer the training program
 1-34 and shall issue a certificate of firearms proficiency to each
 1-35 county jailer the commission determines has successfully completed
 1-36 the program.
 1-37 (c) A county jailer who is issued a certificate of firearms
 1-38 proficiency and who maintains weapons proficiency in accordance
 1-39 with Section 1701.355 may carry a firearm:
 1-40 (1) during the course of performing duties as a county
 1-41 jailer, including while transporting persons confined in the county
 1-42 jail; and
 1-43 (2) while traveling to or from the jailer's place of
 1-44 assignment.
 1-45 SECTION 2. Section 1701.355, Occupations Code, is amended
 1-46 by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
 1-47 follows:
 1-48 (a-1) An agency that employs one or more county jailers who
 1-49 have been issued a certificate of firearms proficiency under
 1-50 Section 1701.2561 shall designate a firearms proficiency officer
 1-51 and require the jailers to demonstrate weapons proficiency to the
 1-52 firearms proficiency officer at least annually. The agency shall
 1-53 maintain records of the weapons proficiency of the agency's
 1-54 jailers. A county jailer's failure to demonstrate weapons
 1-55 proficiency does not affect the county jailer's license under this
 1-56 chapter.
 1-57 (b) On request, the commission may waive the requirement
 1-58 that a peace officer or county jailer demonstrate weapons
 1-59 proficiency on a determination by the commission that the
 1-60 requirement causes a hardship.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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