

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 932  
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1-4 Security; April 29, 2021, reported favorably by the following  
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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 a border operations training program for peace officers  
1-18 employed by local law enforcement agencies.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
1-21 amended by adding Section 411.02096 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 411.02096. BORDER OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM. (a)

1-23 The department, in coordination with local law enforcement  
1-24 agencies, shall establish and administer a border operations  
1-25 training program for peace officers employed by local law  
1-26 enforcement agencies that will prepare the officers to:

1-27 (1) collaborate and cooperate with and assist any law  
1-28 enforcement agency in the interdiction, investigation, and  
1-29 prosecution of criminal activity in the Texas-Mexico border region;  
1-30 and

1-31 (2) collaborate and cooperate with and assist district  
1-32 attorneys, county attorneys, the border prosecution unit, and other  
1-33 prosecutors in the investigation and prosecution of allegations of  
1-34 criminal activity in the Texas-Mexico border region.

1-35 (b) The training program under Subsection (a) must include:

1-36 (1) information on:

1-37 (A) criminal activity occurring along the  
1-38 Texas-Mexico border, including drug trafficking and trafficking of  
1-39 persons and other activity carried out by cartels, transnational  
1-40 gangs, and other groups engaged in organized criminal activity; and

1-41 (B) methods for identifying northbound,  
1-42 southbound, and intrastate criminal activity associated with drug  
1-43 trafficking, trafficking of persons, and other organized criminal  
1-44 activity;

1-45 (2) best practices for investigating and prosecuting  
1-46 the criminal activity described by Subdivision (1) and securing the  
1-47 Texas-Mexico border; and

1-48 (3) an overview of the department's operations at the  
1-49 Texas-Mexico border, including any collaboration with the United  
1-50 States Customs and Border Protection.

1-51 (c) The department shall identify opportunities for a peace  
1-52 officer described by Subsection (a) to assist in the department's  
1-53 duties related to border operations. The department may authorize  
1-54 the officer to assist in carrying out those duties.

1-55 (d) A peace officer authorized by the department to assist  
1-56 in carrying out duties related to the department's border  
1-57 operations as described by Subsection (c) is not entitled to  
1-58 compensation from the department for the assistance provided.

1-59 (e) The department may partner with federal agencies in  
1-60 administering the training program under Subsection (a) and  
1-61 facilitating any assistance provided by a peace officer under

2-1 Subsection (c).

2-2 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
2-3 amended by adding Section 1701.359 to read as follows:

2-4 Sec. 1701.359. BORDER OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM. The  
2-5 commission may:

2-6 (1) recognize, or with the consent of the Department  
2-7 of Public Safety administer or assist in administering, the border  
2-8 operations training program established under Section 411.02096,  
2-9 Government Code, as a continuing education program for officers;  
2-10 and

2-11 (2) credit an officer who successfully completes the  
2-12 program described by Subdivision (1) with the appropriate number of  
2-13 continuing education hours.

2-14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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