

1-1 By: Bowers, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 568  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;  
 1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Criminal Justice; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Flores	X			
1-9 Bettencourt			X	
1-10 Hinojosa	X			
1-11 Huffman	X			
1-12 King	X			
1-13 Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to education and training for peace officers on  
 1-18 interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other  
 1-19 dementias.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 1701.253(j), Occupations Code, is  
 1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 (j) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the  
 1-24 commission shall require an officer to complete a 40-hour statewide  
 1-25 education and training program on de-escalation and crisis  
 1-26 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons  
 1-27 with mental impairments. The program must include instruction on  
 1-28 interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other  
 1-29 dementias, including instruction on techniques for recognizing  
 1-30 symptoms, communicating effectively, employing alternatives to  
 1-31 physical restraints, and identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or  
 1-32 exploitation. An officer shall complete the program not later than  
 1-33 the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under  
 1-34 this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate  
 1-35 proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier. An officer may  
 1-36 not satisfy the requirements of this subsection or Section  
 1-37 1701.402(g) by taking an online course on de-escalation and crisis  
 1-38 intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons  
 1-39 with mental impairments.

1-40 SECTION 2. Not later than April 1, 2024, the Texas  
 1-41 Commission on Law Enforcement shall revise the commission's  
 1-42 education and training programs as necessary to implement the  
 1-43 changes in law made by this Act.

1-44 SECTION 3. Section 1701.253(j), Occupations Code, as  
 1-45 amended by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an  
 1-46 application for a peace officer license under Chapter 1701,  
 1-47 Occupations Code, on or after April 1, 2024. A person who submits  
 1-48 an application for a peace officer license under Chapter 1701,  
 1-49 Occupations Code, before April 1, 2024, is governed by the law in  
 1-50 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the  
 1-51 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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