

1-1 By: Thompson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2756
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Miles	X			

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

1-17 relating to training on de-escalation, crisis intervention, and
1-18 behavioral health for correctional officers and certain other
1-19 employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

1-21 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Jovian Motley Act.

1-22 SECTION 2. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Section 493.0325 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 493.0325. CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING ON
1-25 DE-ESCALATION, CRISIS INTERVENTION, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

1-26 (a) This section applies to:

1-27 (1) a correctional officer employed by the department;

1-28 and

1-29 (2) a department employee responsible for the direct

1-30 supervision of correctional officers described by Subdivision (1).

1-31 (b) To facilitate interaction with inmates, the department

1-32 shall provide employees described by Subsection (a) training on:

1-33 (1) de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques;

1-34 and

1-35 (2) behavioral health.

1-36 (c) The training described by Subsection (b)(1) must

1-37 include information regarding:

1-38 (1) effective communication;

1-39 (2) employing alternatives to physical restraints,

1-40 including the availability and proper use of tools such as shields,

1-41 chemical dispensing devices, and less-lethal force weapons;

1-42 (3) techniques for limiting the use of force resulting

1-43 in bodily injury;

1-44 (4) proper utilization of necessary resources,

1-45 including lighting;

1-46 (5) safety techniques during cell extractions;

1-47 (6) fundamental lifesaving procedures; and

1-48 (7) necessary personnel involvement.

1-49 (d) The training described by Subsection (b)(2) must

1-50 include information regarding:

1-51 (1) effective communication and intervention;

1-52 (2) increased awareness of persons with behavioral

1-53 health concerns, substance use disorders, or intellectual and

1-54 developmental disabilities;

1-55 (3) crisis recognition, prevention, and response;

1-56 (4) suicide risk and prevention; and

1-57 (5) access to employee assistance programs available

1-58 to correctional officers.

1-59 (e) The training required by this section must be included

1-60 in the department's preservice training for correctional officers

1-61 and completed annually by employees described by Subsection (a).

2-1 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2-2 of this Act but not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas
2-3 Department of Criminal Justice shall make the training required by
2-4 Section 493.0325, Government Code, as added by this Act, available
2-5 to the employees described by Subsection (a) of that section.

2-6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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