

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1563  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
 1-4 March 31, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2025, sent to printer.)

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 county jailer training on interacting with veterans in  
 1-18 the criminal justice system.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
 1-21 amended by adding Section 1701.273 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 1701.273. TRAINING PROGRAM RELATING TO COUNTY JAILER  
 1-23 INTERACTIONS WITH VETERANS. The commission shall, in consultation  
 1-24 with the Texas Veterans Commission, develop a training program for  
 1-25 county jailers on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice  
 1-26 system.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 1701.310(a), Occupations Code, is  
 1-28 amended to read as follows:

1-29 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a person may not  
 1-30 be appointed as a county jailer, except on a temporary basis, unless  
 1-31 the person has satisfactorily completed a preparatory training  
 1-32 program, as required by the commission, in the operation of a county  
 1-33 jail at a school operated or licensed by the commission. The  
 1-34 training program must:

1-35 (1) consist of at least eight hours of mental health  
 1-36 training approved by the commission and the Commission on Jail  
 1-37 Standards; and

1-38 (2) include the training program developed under  
 1-39 Section 1701.273.

1-40 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies to  
 1-41 a county jailer licensed under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code,  
 1-42 regardless of whether the license was issued before, on, or after  
 1-43 the effective date of this Act.

1-44 (b) A county jailer who, on the effective date of this Act,  
 1-45 holds a county jailer license shall complete the training program  
 1-46 described by Section 1701.273, Occupations Code, as added by this  
 1-47 Act, not later than August 31, 2027.

1-48 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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