

CHAPTER 890

H.B. No. 987

An Act relating to the training of peace officers in the recognition, investigation, and prosecution of certain cases involving children as victims.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2, Chapter 546, Acts of the 59th Legislature, Regular Session, 1965 (Article 4413(29aa), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(k) In establishing minimum curriculum requirements for the training of peace officers, reserve law enforcement officers, and recruits for those positions, the Commission shall require courses and programs described by Subsection (a)(5) of this section to provide training in the investigation of cases involving abuse or neglect of children. In addition to the training provided by schools and academies for this purpose, the Commission shall direct law enforcement agencies to provide continuing in-house instruction for its officers in the recognition of cases involving abuse or neglect of children.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985