

CHAPTER 892

S.B. No. 473

AN ACT

relating to training for persons licensed by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 415.032, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b), as amended by Section 1, Chapter 469, and Section 1, Chapter 773, Acts of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989, and by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) In establishing requirements under this section, the commission shall require courses and programs to provide training in the investigation of cases *that involve the following*:

(1) ~~[involving]~~ child abuse;

(2) *child* ~~[or]~~ neglect;

(3) ~~[]~~ family violence; *and*

~~(4) ~~[, or]~~ sexual assault. In addition to this training, the commission shall direct law enforcement agencies to provide continuing in-house instruction for its officers in the recognition of cases involving child abuse or neglect, family violence, or sexual assault.~~

(c) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall establish a statewide comprehensive education and training program on civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity for individuals licensed under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 415.034, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 415.034. CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) The commission *shall* ~~[may]~~ recognize, prepare, or administer ~~[voluntary]~~ continuing education programs for officers and county jailers.

(b) The commission *shall* ~~[may]~~ require a state, county, special district, or municipal agency that *appoints or* employs peace officers to provide each peace officer with a training program *every 24 months* ~~[during a 24-month period]~~. The course must:

(1) be approved by the commission; *and*

~~(2) ~~[, must]~~ include education and training in:~~

~~(A) civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity; *and*~~

~~(B) the recognition of cases *that involve the following*:~~

~~(i) ~~[involving]~~ child abuse;~~

~~(ii) *child* ~~[or]~~ neglect;~~

~~(iii) family violence; *and*~~

~~(iv) sexual assault.~~

~~(c) The course provided under Subsection (b) ~~[, and]~~ may not exceed 40 hours.~~

(d) A peace officer appointed to the officer's first supervisory position must receive in-service training on supervision as part of the course provided under Subsection (b) during the 24-month period after the date of that appointment.

(e) An honorably retired commissioned officer of the Department of Public Safety who is a special ranger under Section 411.023 may not be required to undergo training under *Subsection (b)* [~~this subsection~~].

(f) *The commission may require a state, county, special district, or municipal agency that appoints or employs a reserve law enforcement officer, county jailer, or public security officer to provide each of those individuals with education and training in civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity every 24 months.*

SECTION 3. (a) The Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall establish the new education and training programs required by this Act not later than January 1, 1994.

(b) For persons who are officers on September 1, 1993, the first set of courses required under Section 415.034, Government Code, as amended by this Act, must be completed before September 1, 1995.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 5. 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.

Passed the Senate on March 17, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 27, 1993, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 1993, House granted request of the Senate; May 29, 1993, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendments, on May 26, 1993: Yeas 125, Nays 3, two present not voting; May 28, 1993, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 1993, House adopted Conference Committee Report by a non-record vote.

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Effective Sept. 1, 1993.