

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, courses on federal and state statutes that relate to employment issues affecting officers and county jailers are not required. An officer may not know his or her rights if the officer is accused of misconduct, injured on the job, sexually harassed, or denied compensation or benefits. This bill requires courses to be taken by officers and county jailers on federal and state statutes that relate to employment issues and sets forth the types of statutes to which courses may apply.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 346 provides that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards requires courses on federal and state statutes that relate to employment issues affecting officers and county jailers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 415.032, Government Code, by adding Subsection (e), to require the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education to require courses and programs of instruction on federal and state statutes relating to employment issues affecting officers and county jailers, including statutes that govern certain subjects.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.