

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that a peace officer appointed to a supervisory position is only allowed to take the training course on supervision after the appointment, raising concerns about the officer's readiness for such a position. H.B. 3211 seeks to address these concerns by ensuring that officers are well equipped for a new supervisory role.

H.B. 3211 amends the Occupations Code to change the time frame during which a peace officer appointed or who will be appointed to the officer's first supervisory position must receive in-service training on supervision as part of the officer's continuing education course requirements from the 24-month period after the date of the appointment to not earlier than the 12th month before the date of appointment or later than the first anniversary of the date of appointment.

H.B. 3211 amends current law relating to training requirements for peace officers appointed to supervisory positions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1701.352(d), Occupations Code, to require a peace officer who is appointed or will be appointed to the officer's first supervisory position to receive in-service training on supervision as part of the course provided for the officer under Subsection (b) (requiring the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCLE) to require a state, county, special district, or municipal agency that appoints or employs peace officers to provide each peace officer with a training program at least once every 48 months that is approved by TCLE and consists of certain enumerated criteria) not earlier than the 12th month before the date of that appointment or later than the first anniversary of the date of that appointment, rather than during the 24-month period after the date of that appointment.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.