

**SUBJECT:** Requiring information on traffic stops in driver education courses

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 11 ayes — Morrison, Martinez, Burkett, Goldman, Israel, Minjarez, Phillips, Pickett, Simmons, S. Thompson, Wray

0 nays

2 absent — Y. Davis, E. Thompson

**WITNESSES:** For — Zindia Thomas, Texas Municipal League; Mike Gomez, Texas Municipal Police Association; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Arianna Smith, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT); Reuben Ramirez, Dallas Police Department, Office of the Chief of Police; Virginia Martinez Schaefer, Dallas Regional Chamber; James Jones, San Antonio Police Department; Miranda Goodsheller, Texas Association of Business; Mitch Landry, Texas Municipal Police Association; Greg Glod, Texas Public Policy Foundation)

Against — None

On — Brian Francis, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

**BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 1001.058 requires the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation to establish an advisory committee to advise the commission and Department of Licensing and Regulation on rules and educational and technical matters related to driver and traffic safety education.

Some have called for student driver education courses to include information on how to respond to and interact with law enforcement at a traffic stop to better inform students about law enforcement procedures.

**DIGEST:** CSHB 1372 would require the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation (TCLR), by rule, to require the inclusion of information

related to traffic stops in the curriculum of each driver education and driving safety course. The curriculum would include a demonstration of the proper actions to be taken during a traffic stop and information on appropriate interactions with law enforcement.

The TCLR advisory committee, in consultation with TCLR, would appoint regional law enforcement and driver education leaders to assist in the development of the driver education and driver safety course curriculum related to interactions with law enforcement.

TCLR would adopt rules for the newly added curriculum by March 1, 2018. The providers of driver education or driving safety courses would be required to submit their updated curricula to TCLR for approval by September 1, 2018.

The bill would take effect September, 1, 2017.

**NOTES:**

CSHB 1372 differs from the bill as filed in that the committee substitute would require the advisory committee to consult with regional law enforcement and driver education leaders in developing the updated driver education and driving safety curriculum.