

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law requires the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (commission) to establish the minimum qualifications for a person to enroll in a training program for basic peace officer and jailer licenses. The commission currently sets these requirements for initial licensure of peace officers at obtaining a high school diploma, a general education development (GED) test indicating high school graduation level, or 12 semester hours' credit from an accredited college or university. As proposed, S.B. 455 prohibits a person from enrolling in a peace officer training program unless the person has received a high school diploma, or a GED and 12 semester hours credit with a minimum grade point average from an accredited college or university.

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 1701.255, Occupation Code, by adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Prohibits a person from enrolling in a peace officer training program under Section 1701.251(a) unless the person has met certain specific criteria.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

Makes application of this Act prospective.