

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 2372  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 2372 amends current law relating to training requirements for juvenile correctional officers employed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

### **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 242.009(b), Human Resources Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (department) to provide competency-based training to each juvenile correctional officer employed by the department, which must include on-the-job training. Requires each officer to complete at least 300 hours of training in the officer's first year of employment, with at least 240 hours of training before the officer independently commences the officer's duties at the facility. Requires the officer to demonstrate competency in the trained subjects as required by the department. Deletes existing text requiring the department to provide each juvenile correctional officer employed by the department with at least 300 hours of training, which must include on-the-job training, before the officer independently commences the officer's duties at the facility. Makes no further change to this subsection.

SECTION 2. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies only to a juvenile correctional officer hired by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department on or after the effective date of this Act. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.