

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the continuing education requirements for certain peace  
3 officers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 96.641, Education Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 96.641. INITIAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR  
8 POLICE CHIEFS AND COMMAND STAFF.

9 SECTION 2. Section 96.641, Education Code, is amended by  
10 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

11 (a-1) The institute may establish and offer a continuing  
12 education program for command staff for individuals who are second  
13 in command to police chiefs. The command staff continuing  
14 education program must satisfy the requirements for the police  
15 chief continuing education program under Subsection (a).

16 SECTION 3. Section 1701.351, Occupations Code, is amended  
17 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

18 (d) A peace officer who is second in command to a police  
19 chief of a law enforcement agency and who attends a continuing  
20 education program for command staff provided by the Bill Blackwood  
21 Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas under Section 96.641,  
22 Education Code, is exempt from the continuing education  
23 requirements of this subchapter.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

*Seth Cooper*  
President of the Senate

*Joe Straus*  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 244 passed the Senate on March 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

*Daisy Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 244 passed the House on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

*Robert Haney*  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUN '11

Date

*RICK PERRY*  
Governor

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