



The Senate of The State of Texas

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ALERRT Training Made Mandatory by Passage of Flores' SB 1852

Senator Flores has second bill signed by Governor Abbott

AUSTIN, TEXAS –Governor Greg Abbot signed Senate Bill 1852, by Senator Flores (SD-24) on Friday, March 19, 2023. Following the signature of his second bill this session, Senator Flores issued the following statement:

“Keeping Texas safe is a top priority of mine in the legislature,” said Flores. **“As a former law enforcement officer, I take great pride in ensuring our officers are provided exceptional resources and training to ensure they are best prepared to protect and serve the people of our great state.**

“Texas is home to the gold-standard active shooter training in the country at the ALERRT Center at Texas State University. Ensuring all officers receive this training will better protect our schools, religious houses of worship, and public spaces. Officers constantly face new challenges in the field; therefore it is paramount that we prepare all peace officers for the utmost dangerous situations to ensure the safety of the public and themselves.”

Background:

Senate Bill 1852 requires all peace officers to participate in the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT). The bill requires all officers to complete a training program no less than (16) hours on responding to an active shooter through the ALERRT program developed by Texas State University – San Marcos. Additionally, officers are required to incorporate the ALERRT training into their existing (40) hours of continuing education every two-years.

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