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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## Technical Assistance Bulletin

To: All Texas Law Enforcement Agencies/Licensees  
From: Kenny Merchant/Director of Operations, Credentialing and Field Services  
Regarding: **High School Public Service Endorsement, HB 1545, 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
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The Texas 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature passed House Bill 1545 in 2017 requiring that the Commission issue credit in the Basic Peace Officer Academy to applicants who had received a "Public Service Endorsement" on their Texas high school diploma (Codified in Occupations Code Chapter 1701.1525). Although a specific number of hours of training credit was not required by the bill, the Commission has determined that 40 hours credit will be awarded, and has written that into Rule 215.21.

How will that affect your BPOC? On submission of the high school diploma with the proper endorsement and indicators that the endorsement was issued for law enforcement or security related courses, the academy will submit a training roster for "High School Public Service Endorsement for BPOC", under course number 1545, upon successful completion of the academy. The course credit is one-time-only, for the BPOC only, and may not be repeated for subsequent academies.

Further information on the Public Service Endorsement may be found in:

Occupations Code, 1701.1525  
TCOLE Rule, 215.21  
Texas Education Code, 28.025(c-1)  
19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 130, Subchapter L