



**Senate Bill No. 972**

**Public Act No. 23-104**

**AN ACT CONCERNING CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 7-294v of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) Not later than July 1, 2023, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall (1) after consultation with persons with mental or physical disabilities and advocates on behalf of such persons, develop a training curriculum for police officers regarding interactions with persons who have mental or physical disabilities, and (2) after consultation with persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind and advocates on behalf of such persons, develop a training curriculum for police officers regarding interactions with persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind. On and after July 1, 2024, the training curriculum shall include crisis intervention strategies for police officers to use when interacting with individuals with mental illness in crisis.

(b) On and after October 1, 2023, each police basic or review training program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, the Division of State Police within the Department of

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Emergency Services and Public Protection or a municipal police department shall include the training curriculum developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall (1) examine (A) programs and strategies used in the state or other jurisdictions through which police officers collaborate with social workers, and (B) the evaluation submitted pursuant to section 18 of public act 20-1 of the July special session; and (2) issue guidance to law enforcement units that includes recommendations of how police officers may collaborate with social workers.

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