



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 972

LCO No. 3942



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

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:

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 Section 7-294v of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

14 (b) On and after October 1, 2023, each police basic or review training

15 program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and
16 Training Council, the Division of State Police within the Department of
17 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a municipal police
18 department shall include the training curriculum developed pursuant
19 to subsection (a) of this section.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	7-294v
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require police officer training on strategies including crisis intervention, and to develop recommendations on how police officers and social workers may collaborate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]