



General Assembly

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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 Section 7-294v of the general statutes is repealed and the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,
6 develop a training curriculum for police officers regarding interactions
7 with 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
10 curriculum for police officers regarding interactions with persons who
11 are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind. On and after July 1, 2024, the
12 training curriculum shall include crisis intervention strategies for
13 police officers to use when interacting with individuals with mental
14 illness in crisis.

15 (b) On and after October 1, 2023, each police basic or review training
16 program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards
17 and Training Council, the Division of State Police within the
18 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or a
19 municipal police department shall include the training curriculum
20 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

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

PS *Joint Favorable*