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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2583

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula, Cooper, and Nazarian)
(Coauthors: Senators Cortese, Newman, and Ochoa Bogh)

February 18, 2022

An act to amend Section 13515.28 of, and to add Section 13515.285 to, the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2583, as amended, Mullin. Peace officers: training.

Existing law requires specified categories of law enforcement officers to meet training standards pursuant to courses of training certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Existing law requires POST to require field training officers who are instructors for the field training program to have at least 8 hours of crisis intervention behavioral health training to better train new peace officers on how to effectively interact with persons with mental illness or intellectual disability.

This bill would require the commission to revise that training to include instruction on how to effectively interact with persons with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. The bill would specify that a field training officer who completed the training prior to January 1, 2025, or who is exempt from completing the training, is not required to take the updated training, but would require a field training officer who has not completed the training on or after January 1, 2025, or who is not exempt from completing the training, to complete the revised training.

This bill would also require the commission, upon the next regularly scheduled review of a training module relating to persons with disabilities, ~~require the commission to create and make available on DVD, and authorize the commission to distribute electronically,~~ *distribute electronically* a course on how to recognize and interact with persons with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The bill would require peace officers ~~hired~~ *appointed* on or before July 1, 2029, to complete that course by January 1, 2030, and peace officers ~~hired~~ *appointed* after July 1, 2029, to complete that course within 180 days of being ~~hired~~ *appointed, as specified*. By creating new duties for local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13515.28 of the Penal Code is amended
2 to read:
3 13515.28. (a) (1) The commission shall require the field
4 training officers who provide instruction in the field training
5 program to have at least eight hours of crisis intervention
6 behavioral health training to better train new peace officers on
7 how to effectively interact with persons with mental illness or
8 intellectual disability. This course shall include classroom
9 instruction and instructor-led active learning, such as
10 scenario-based training, and shall be taught in segments that are
11 at least four hours long.
12 (2) If a field training officer has completed eight hours of crisis
13 intervention behavioral health training within the past 24 months,
14 or if a field training officer has completed 40 hours of crisis
15 intervention behavioral health training, the requirement described
16 in paragraph (1) shall not apply.

1 (b) The crisis intervention behavioral health training shall
2 address issues relating to stigma, shall be culturally relevant and
3 appropriate, and shall include all of the following topics:

4 (1) The cause and nature of mental illnesses and intellectual
5 disabilities.

6 (2) (A) How to identify indicators of mental illness, intellectual
7 disability, and substance use disorders.

8 (B) How to distinguish between mental illness, intellectual
9 disability, and substance use disorders.

10 (C) How to respond appropriately in a variety of situations
11 involving persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and
12 substance use disorders.

13 (3) Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for
14 potentially dangerous situations.

15 (4) Appropriate language usage when interacting with potentially
16 emotionally distressed persons.

17 (5) Community and state resources available to serve persons
18 with mental illness or intellectual disability, and how these
19 resources can be best utilized by law enforcement.

20 (6) The perspective of individuals or families who have
21 experiences with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability,
22 and substance use disorders.

23 (c) Field training officers assigned or appointed before January
24 1, 2017, shall complete the crisis intervention behavioral health
25 training by June 30, 2017. Field training officers assigned or
26 appointed on or after January 1, 2017, shall complete the crisis
27 intervention behavioral health training within 180 days of
28 assignment or appointment.

29 (d) This section does not prevent an agency from requiring its
30 field training officers to complete additional hours of crisis
31 intervention behavioral health training or requiring its field training
32 officers to complete that training earlier than as required by this
33 section.

34 (e) The commission shall revise the training described in this
35 section to include instruction on how to effectively interact with
36 persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. A field training
37 officer who completed the training described in this section prior
38 to January 1, 2025, or who was exempt from completing the
39 training pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), shall not be
40 required to take the updated training. A field training officer who

1 has not completed the training described in this section by January
2 1, 2025, or who is not exempt from completing the training
3 pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), shall complete the
4 revised training.

5 SEC. 2. Section 13515.285 is added to the Penal Code,
6 immediately following Section 13515.28, to read:

7 13515.285. (a) The commission shall, upon the next regularly
8 scheduled review of a training module relating to persons with
9 disabilities, create and ~~make available on DVD and may~~ distribute
10 electronically a course on how to recognize and interact with
11 persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. This course shall
12 be designed for, and made available to, peace officers.

13 (b) The training course shall be developed by the commission
14 in consultation with the California Department of Aging and
15 appropriate community, local, or other state organizations and
16 agencies that have expertise in the area of Alzheimer's disease and
17 dementia. The commission shall make the course available to law
18 enforcement agencies in California.

19 (c) *(1)* Peace officers ~~hired~~ *appointed* on or before July 1, 2029,
20 shall complete the course developed pursuant to this section by
21 January 1, 2030. Peace officers ~~hired~~ *appointed* after July 1, 2029,
22 shall complete the course developed pursuant to this section within
23 180 days of being ~~hired~~ *appointed*.

24 *(2) The requirement described in this subdivision only applies*
25 *to peace officers described in Sections 830.1, 830.2 with the*
26 *exception of those described in subdivision (d) of that section, and*
27 *830.33.*

28 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
29 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
30 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
31 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
32 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.