



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5271

*House of Representatives, March 29, 2016*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN STATE AND LOCAL POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-294r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 [On and after October 1, 2014, (1) each] Each police basic or review  
4 training program conducted or administered by the Division of State  
5 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
6 Protection, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council,  
7 established under section 7-294b, or a municipal police department in  
8 the state shall include a course of not less than two hours on handling  
9 incidents involving (1) an individual affected with a serious mental  
10 illness, and (2) [each review training program conducted by such  
11 agencies shall make provisions for such a course] an individual  
12 affected with a developmental disability.



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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 17 \$	FY 18 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - Cost	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

The bill requires each basic or review training program administered by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) or a municipal police department to include training of not less than two hours on how to handle individuals with developmental disabilities. DESPP and certain municipalities are anticipated to incur costs ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000 in FY 17 to develop and implement the training program.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN STATE AND LOCAL POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS.***

**SUMMARY:**

By law, police basic and review training programs administered or conducted by the State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council, or local police departments must include a course on handling incidents involving people with serious mental illness. This bill specifies that the training must be at least two hours long and also include handling incidents involving people with developmental disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2016

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference  
Yea 25 Nay 1 (03/07/2016)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 23 Nay 2 (03/15/2016)