



Substitute House Bill No. 6260

Public Act No. 17-166

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING JUVENILES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR NONVERBAL LEARNING DISORDER.

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

Section 1. Section 7-294h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

On and after January 1, 2017: (1) Each police basic or field training program conducted or administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall provide a minimum of twenty-seven hours of training relative to the handling of juvenile matters which includes, but is not limited to, the following: (A) Techniques for handling incidents involving juveniles; (B) information relative to the processing and disposition of juvenile matters; (C) applicable procedures in the prosecution of cases involving juveniles; (D) information regarding resources of the juvenile justice system in the state; (E) the use of graduated sanctions; (F) techniques for handling trauma; (G) restorative justice practices; (H) adolescent development; (I) risk-assessment and screening tools; [and] (J) emergency mobile psychiatric services; and (K) on and after January 1, 2018, techniques for handling incidents, such as wandering, that involve juveniles with autism spectrum disorder or nonverbal

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learning disorder, provided the curriculum for such techniques is available at no cost to the division from (i) institutions of higher education, health care professionals or advocacy organizations that are concerned with juveniles with autism spectrum disorder or nonverbal learning disorder, or (ii) a collaboration of such institutions, professionals or organizations; (2) each police basic or field training program conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established under section 7-294b or by a municipal police department in the state shall provide a minimum of fourteen hours of training relative to the handling of juvenile matters as provided in subdivision (1) of this section; and (3) each police review training program conducted or administered by the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council established under section 7-294b or by a municipal police department in the state shall provide a minimum of one hour of training relative to the handling of juvenile matters as provided in subdivision (1) of this section.

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