



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6260**

LCO No. 3760



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING THE ELOPEMENT OR WANDERING OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-294h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

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

16 January 1, 2018, techniques for handling incidents involving juveniles  
 17 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, including elopement or  
 18 wandering; (2) each police basic or field training program conducted  
 19 or administered by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council  
 20 established under section 7-294b or by a municipal police department  
 21 in the state shall provide a minimum of fourteen hours of training  
 22 relative to the handling of juvenile matters as provided in subdivision  
 23 (1) of this section; and (3) each police review training program  
 24 conducted or administered by the Division of State Police within the  
 25 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, by the Police  
 26 Officer Standards and Training Council established under section 7-  
 27 294b or by a municipal police department in the state shall provide a  
 28 minimum of one hour of training relative to the handling of juvenile  
 29 matters as provided in subdivision (1) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2018	7-294h

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the training program for state and local police to include training for the handling of cases involving the elopement or wandering of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

*[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.]*

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