

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1825

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 590, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to community relations training for peace officers.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 590, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 590.063, to read as follows:

3 **590.063. 1. There is hereby established the "Community Relations Training**  
4 **Program for Peace Officers" within the department of public safety. The program shall**  
5 **provide peace officers with training to strive toward maintaining open avenues of**  
6 **discourse between communities and police departments throughout the state in an**  
7 **ongoing effort to keep abreast of and be sensitive to contemporary issues facing such**  
8 **officers. The program shall also include training in diversity, sensitivity, and cultural**  
9 **competency.**

10 **2. All peace officer recruits shall, upon hire and every three years thereafter,**  
11 **attend a training program that provides community relations, diversity, sensitivity, and**  
12 **cultural competency training. All existing peace officers in this state shall attend a**  
13 **community relations, diversity, sensitivity, and cultural competency training program**  
14 **every three years. Such instruction shall include training through discipline, public**  
15 **information activity, and efficient frontline police work.**

16 **3. Each state-licensed training center shall develop a curriculum for the training**  
**program required under subsection 2 of this section. Such curriculum shall be taught**  
**by a member in law enforcement who has previous community experience and**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 maintains liaisons with communities throughout the state and is a member of the  
18 community relations division created under subsection 4 of this section.

19 4. The department of public safety shall create a "Community Relations  
20 Division" consisting of at least two police chiefs, two sheriffs, and one person who shall  
21 be a chief executive officer of a certified training academy, to perform the duties  
22 required of the community relations division. In addition to maintaining contact with  
23 community-based organizations, leaders, spokespersons, and members of the public,  
24 members of the community relations division shall gather information that shall be used  
25 in the training of peace officers in community relations under subsection 3 of this  
26 section. The community relations division shall:

27 (1) Coordinate quarterly forums with various community groups, including  
28 forums with groups of different racial and ethnic backgrounds and youth and clergy  
29 throughout the state;

30 (2) Conduct community surveys periodically throughout cities, towns, and  
31 villages in this state to determine the satisfaction of services by law enforcement within  
32 such cities, towns, and villages;

33 (3) Attend various meetings held by cities, towns, or villages throughout the  
34 state;

35 (4) Act as a liaison with community activists and leaders throughout the state;

36 (5) Attend lawful demonstrations; and

37 (6) Respond to the scene of high-profile incidents, such as law enforcement-  
38 related deaths or injuries or major confrontations between police and the public.

39 5. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Community Relations  
40 Training Fund for Peace Officers", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the  
41 fund by the general assembly and also any gifts, contributions, grants, bequests, or other  
42 aid received from federal, private, or other sources. The state treasurer shall be  
43 custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer  
44 may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon  
45 appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the administration of this  
46 section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys  
47 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the  
48 general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same  
49 manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such  
50 investments shall be credited to the fund.

51 6. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:

52           **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**  
53 **automatically sunset six years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized**  
54 **by an act of the general assembly;**

55           **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**  
56 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of**  
57 **this section; and**

58           **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the calendar year**  
59 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**  
60 **section is sunset.**

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