

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 93

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATION AND
TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO FACILITATE INTERACTION
WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Law Enforcement Training
Act is enacted to read:

"NEW MATERIAL INTERACTION WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL
IMPAIRMENTS--TRAINING.--

A. A minimum of forty hours of crisis management,
including crisis intervention, confrontation de-escalation
practicum and proper interaction with persons with mental
impairments training, shall be included in the curriculum of
each basic law enforcement training class. A minimum of four
hours of crisis management, including crisis intervention,

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1 confrontation de-escalation practicum and proper interaction
2 with persons with mental impairments training, shall be
3 included as a component of in-service law enforcement training
4 each year for certified police officers.

5 B. A pre-recorded course on crisis management,
6 including crisis intervention, confrontation de-escalation
7 practicum and proper interaction with persons with mental
8 impairments training, shall not satisfy the requirements of a
9 crisis management basic law enforcement training class.

10 C. As used in this section, "mental impairment"
11 includes a mental illness, developmental disability,
12 posttraumatic stress disorder, dual diagnosis, autism, youth in
13 crisis and traumatic brain injury."

14 SECTION 2. Section 29-7C-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,
15 Chapter 320, Section 9) is amended to read:

16 "29-7C-7. IN-SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING.--

17 A. In-service telecommunicator training consists of
18 at least twenty hours of board-approved advanced training,
19 including one hour of crisis management, including crisis
20 intervention, confrontation de-escalation practicum and proper
21 interaction with persons with mental impairments training, for
22 each certified telecommunicator during each two-year period.
23 The first training course shall commence no later than twelve
24 months after graduation from a board-approved basic
25 telecommunicator training program.

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1 B. A certified telecommunicator shall provide proof
2 of completion of in-service training requirements to the
3 director no later than March 1 of the year subsequent to the
4 year in which the requirements are met. The director shall
5 provide annual notice to all certified telecommunicators
6 regarding in-service training requirements. Failure to
7 complete in-service training requirements may be grounds for
8 suspension of a telecommunicator's certification at the
9 director's discretion. A telecommunicator may be reinstated at
10 the discretion of the director when the telecommunicator
11 presents to the director evidence [~~he~~] the telecommunicator has
12 satisfied the in-service training requirements.

13 C. As used in this section, "mental impairment"
14 includes a mental illness, developmental disability,
15 posttraumatic stress disorder, dual diagnosis, autism, youth in
16 crisis and traumatic brain injury."

17 **SECTION 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--IMMEDIATE TRAINING--**
18 **REQUIRED.--**

19 A. The chief law enforcement officer of a state,
20 county or municipal law enforcement agency who was elected or
21 appointed prior to July 1, 2011 shall complete a minimum of two
22 hours of crisis management, including crisis intervention,
23 confrontation de-escalation practicum and proper interaction
24 with persons with mental impairments training, no later than
25 July 1, 2012.

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1 B. A law enforcement officer who on September 1,
2 2010 held an intermediate proficiency certificate or an
3 advanced proficiency certificate issued pursuant to Section
4 29-7-7.1 NMSA 1978 shall complete a minimum of two hours of
5 crisis management, including crisis intervention, confrontation
6 de-escalation practicum and proper interaction with persons
7 with mental impairments training, no later than July 1, 2012.

8 C. As used in this section, "mental impairment"
9 includes a mental illness, developmental disability,
10 posttraumatic stress disorder, dual diagnosis, autism, youth in
11 crisis and traumatic brain injury.

12 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
13 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.

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