
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 478—ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires annual completion by all peace officers of continuing education in certain subjects. (BDR 23-1002)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to law enforcement; revising provisions governing the standards for programs of continuing education for peace officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission
2 and requires the Commission to adopt regulations establishing minimum
3 standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and
4 training of peace officers. (NRS 289.500) The regulations of the Commission
5 must establish, among other things, standards for programs of continuing
6 education for peace officers, including minimum courses of study. (NRS
7 289.510) This bill requires the Commission to include in the regulations a
8 requirement for all peace officers to annually complete not less than 12 hours of
9 continuing education in courses that address: (1) racial profiling; (2) mental
10 health; (3) officer well-being; (4) implicit bias recognition; (5) de-escalation; (6)
11 human trafficking; and (7) firearms.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 289.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 289.510 1. The Commission:
3 (a) Shall meet at the call of the Chair, who must be elected by a
4 majority vote of the members of the Commission.



1 (b) Shall provide for and encourage the training and education
2 of persons whose primary duty is law enforcement to ensure the
3 safety of the residents of and visitors to this State.

4 (c) Shall adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for
5 the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and
6 training of peace officers. The regulations must establish:

7 (1) Requirements for basic training for category I, category II
8 and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers;

9 (2) Standards for programs for the continuing education of
10 peace officers, including minimum courses of study and
11 requirements concerning attendance ~~§~~, *which must require that*
12 *all peace officers annually complete not less than 12 hours of*
13 *continuing education in courses that address:*

14 (I) *Racial profiling;*

15 (II) *Mental health;*

16 (III) *The well being of officers;*

17 (IV) *Implicit bias recognition;*

18 (V) *De-escalation;*

19 (VI) *Human trafficking; and*

20 (VII) *Firearms.*

21 (3) Qualifications for instructors of peace officers; and

22 (4) Requirements for the certification of a course of training.

23 (d) Shall, when necessary, present courses of training and
24 continuing education courses for category I, category II and
25 category III peace officers and reserve peace officers.

26 (e) May make necessary inquiries to determine whether the
27 agencies of this State and of the local governments are complying
28 with standards set forth in its regulations.

29 (f) Shall carry out the duties required of the Commission
30 pursuant to NRS 432B.610 and 432B.620.

31 (g) May perform any other acts that may be necessary and
32 appropriate to the functions of the Commission as set forth in NRS
33 289.450 to 289.650, inclusive.

34 (h) May enter into an interlocal agreement with an Indian tribe
35 to provide training to and certification of persons employed as
36 police officers by that Indian tribe.

37 2. Regulations adopted by the Commission:

38 (a) Apply to all agencies of this State and of local governments
39 in this State that employ persons as peace officers;

40 (b) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the
41 handling of cases involving abuse or neglect of children or missing
42 children;

43 (c) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the
44 handling of cases involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation
45 and abandonment of older persons; and



- 1 (d) May require that training be carried on at institutions which
- 2 it approves in those regulations.

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