

SENATE BILL 1242

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38;
Title 41 and Title 68, relative to medical care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The Tennessee peace officer standards and training (POST) commission shall adopt guidelines and materials instructing law enforcement officers on the best practices for recognizing and responding to a medical crisis involving a person under arrest or under the care or supervision of the law enforcement officer.

(b) The guidelines and materials must not require an officer to undergo specialized medical training for the purposes of becoming POST certified.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.