

1 PEACE OFFICER SITUATIONAL TRAINING

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill modifies the Utah Code regarding the functions of the state attorney general.

10 Highlighted Provisions:

11 This bill:

12 ▶ authorizes the attorney general to establish a training center and provide resources  
13 regarding law enforcement use of force;

14 ▶ provides that the attorney general will make available statewide training and  
15 informational materials regarding the use of force by law enforcement officers; and

16 ▶ authorizes the attorney general to employ the necessary staff for the training center.

17 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

18 None

19 Other Special Clauses:

20 None

21 Utah Code Sections Affected:

22 ENACTS:

23 **67-5-34**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **67-5-34** is enacted to read:

27 **67-5-34. Lawful use of force -- Training program.**

28 (1) (a) The attorney general is authorized to administer and coordinate the provision of  
29 legal and practical training for law enforcement officers in the state regarding the constitutional

30 and lawful use of force, including:

31 (i) best practices in reducing law enforcement officer use of force; and

32 (ii) legal foundations and limitations on law enforcement officer authority under

33 Section 76-2-404, the Utah Constitution or laws of the state, and the United States Constitution

34 or laws of the United States.

35 (b) Under Subsection (1)(a), the attorney general may create a training center and

36 provide:

37 (i) technology integrating legal training on the use of force by law enforcement

38 officers;

39 (ii) best practices regarding law enforcement officer response to threatening situations;

40 and

41 (iii) law enforcement officer tactical training, including:

42 (A) virtual reality simulator training;

43 (B) investigation of a use of force incident; and

44 (C) legal documentation of use of force.

45 (2) (a) The attorney general shall make available statewide legal and practical training

46 for law enforcement officers in the state and informational materials regarding law enforcement

47 officer use of force and related subjects.

48 (b) The training and informational materials shall include programs and information

49 specifically designed to address:

50 (i) pre-escalation recognition of potential resistance and law enforcement officer

51 response options that do not involve force;

52 (ii) decision-making skills regarding use of force;

53 (iii) management of law enforcement officer stress during threatening situations;

54 (iv) tactical disengagement;

55 (v) sanctity and preservation of life;

56 (vi) investigating and critiquing a law enforcement officer incident of use of force; and

57 (vii) the legal foundations and limitations on law enforcement officer authority under

58 the Utah Constitution or laws of the state and the United States Constitution or laws of the  
59 United States.

60 (c) The attorney general shall work with state and local agencies to ensure the most  
61 effective use of resources in providing training for law enforcement officers throughout the  
62 state.

63 (3) The attorney general may employ staff necessary to implement the training center  
64 created under this section.