

**PEACE OFFICER TRAINING MODIFICATIONS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Kwan**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill requires a portion of a peace officer's basic training to include certain subjects involving victim targeting.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires under certain conditions a peace officer's basic training to include training on identifying, responding to, and reporting a criminal offense that is motivated by certain personal attributes; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-6-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 1

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

Section 1. Section **53-6-202** is amended to read:

**53-6-202. Basic training course -- Completion required -- Annual training --**



28 **Prohibition from exercising powers -- Reinstatement.**

29 (1) (a) The director shall:

30 (i) (A) suggest and prepare subject material; and

31 (B) schedule instructors for basic training courses; or

32 (ii) review the material and instructor choices submitted by a certified academy.

33 (b) The subject material, instructors, and schedules shall be approved or disapproved  
34 by a majority vote of the council.

35 (2) The materials shall be reviewed and approved by the council on or before July 1st  
36 of each year and may from time to time be changed or amended by majority vote of the council.

37 (3) The basic training in a certified academy:

38 (a) shall be appropriate for the basic training of peace officers in the techniques of law  
39 enforcement in the discretion of the director; and

40 (b) may not include the use of chokeholds, carotid restraints, or any act that impedes  
41 the breathing or circulation of blood likely to produce a loss of consciousness, as a valid  
42 method of restraint.

43 (4) (a) All peace officers shall satisfactorily complete the basic training course or the  
44 waiver process provided for in this chapter as well as annual certified training of not less than  
45 40 hours as the director, with the advice and consent of the council, directs.

46 (b) A peace officer who fails to satisfactorily complete the annual training shall  
47 automatically be prohibited from exercising peace officer powers until any deficiency is made  
48 up.

49 (c) (i) Beginning July 1, 2021, the annual training shall include no less than 16 hours of  
50 training focused on mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest control, and  
51 de-escalation training.

52 (ii) Standards for the training shall be determined by each law enforcement agency or  
53 department and approved by the director or designee.

54 (iii) Each law enforcement agency or department shall include a breakdown of the 16  
55 hours within the annual audit submitted to the division.

56 (5) Beginning July 1, 2021, the director shall ensure that annual training covers  
57 intervention responses for mental illnesses, autism spectrum disorder, and other neurological  
58 and developmental disorders.

59           (6) Beginning July 1, 2023, the director shall, subject to approval by a majority vote of  
60 the council, ensure that the basic training curriculum covers instruction on identifying,  
61 responding to, and reporting a criminal offense that is motivated by a personal attribute, as that  
62 term is defined in Section [76-3-203.14](#), victim targeting penalty enhancement.