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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring crisis intervention training for
2 peace officers; adding a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission shall provide crisis intervention training to
8 every new full-time law enforcement officer employed after July 1,
9 2017, by a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency. The
10 training shall consist of not less than eight hours and shall be
11 incorporated into the basic training academy as provided in RCW
12 43.101.200.

13 (2) The commission must ensure that:

14 (a) All full-time law enforcement officers who are certified
15 after July 1, 2017, complete a two-hour online crisis intervention
16 course that is incorporated into the annual training required by the
17 commission for all certified officers.

18 (b) Each full-time law enforcement officer certified before July
19 1, 2017, and employed by a state, county, or municipal law
20 enforcement agency receives crisis intervention training by July 1,
21 2019. The training shall consist of not less than eight hours and

1 shall be substantially similar in hours and content to the training
2 offered through the basic training academy. Each attendee of the
3 program shall be required to obtain written proof of completion of
4 the program as provided by rules of the commission.

5 (3) The commission shall aim for twenty-five percent of all
6 currently certified law enforcement officers assigned to patrol
7 duties to have received enhanced crisis intervention training by
8 December 1, 2019. The training shall be comprised of forty hours of
9 commission-certified training. Any appropriated funds shall be used
10 to train personnel who will implement the training on a
11 geographically diverse basis.

12 (4) By July 1, 2017, the commission shall establish by rule:

13 (a) A program and standards to certify organizations, other than
14 the commission, that may provide crisis intervention training as
15 required under this section. Certified organizations must use a
16 commission-certified training or curriculum to facilitate the
17 training. The commission shall consider geographic training needs
18 when considering programs and standards. The commission shall provide
19 grants to law enforcement agencies with fewer than three hundred
20 commissioned officers to assist with costs of sending officers to
21 crisis intervention training;

22 (b) Standards for successful completion of the annual two hours
23 of crisis intervention training as provided in subsection (2) of this
24 section. The standards shall include, at a minimum, the requirement
25 of successful completion of a written exam.

26 (5) For the purposes of this section, "crisis intervention
27 training" means training designed to provide tools and resources to
28 law enforcement officers in order to respond effectively to
29 individuals who may be experiencing an emotional, mental, physical,
30 behavioral, or chemical dependency crisis, distress, or problem and
31 that are designed to increase the safety of both law enforcement and
32 individuals in crisis.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of
34 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
35 provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
36 act is null and void.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the
2 Douglas M. Ostling act.

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