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SYNOPSIS

Establishes training program to prevent suicide by law enforcement officer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning police training and supplementing Title 52 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Department of Law and Public Safety, in consultation
8 with the Department of Human Services, shall establish a training
9 curriculum designed to prevent suicide committed by law
10 enforcement officers. The issues addressed in the training
11 curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, the causes,
12 behaviors, warning signs, and risk factors associated with officer
13 suicide. In addition, the training curriculum shall:

14 1) identify appropriate intervention strategies to be used by law
15 enforcement departments to effectively prevent officer suicide; and

16 2) provide information concerning programs that offer crisis
17 intervention and counseling services to law enforcement officers.

18 b. The training curriculum established pursuant to subsection a.
19 of this section shall be made available to each State, county, and
20 municipal law enforcement department and each campus police
21 department at an institution of higher education that appoints law
22 enforcement officers pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et
23 seq.) to be used as part of in-service training provided to each law
24 enforcement officer in this State. The in-service training shall be
25 administered to each law enforcement officer once every 10 years
26 following the officer's date of initial appointment.

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28 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
29 month following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires the Department of Law and Public Safety
35 (DLPS), in consultation with the Department of Human Services, to
36 establish a training curriculum designed to prevent suicide
37 committed by law enforcement officers. The issues addressed in
38 the training curriculum are to include the causes, behaviors,
39 warning signs, and risk factors associated with officer suicide. In
40 addition, the bill requires the training curriculum to: 1) identify
41 appropriate intervention strategies to be used by law enforcement
42 departments to effectively prevent officer suicide, and 2) provide
43 information concerning programs that offer crisis intervention and
44 counseling services to law enforcement officers.

45 Under the bill, DLPS is required to make the curriculum
46 available to each State, county, municipal, and college campus law
47 enforcement department to be used as part of in-service training for

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- 1 law enforcement officers. The bill requires the in-service training
- 2 to be administered to each law enforcement officer every 10 years
- 3 following the officer's date of initial appointment.