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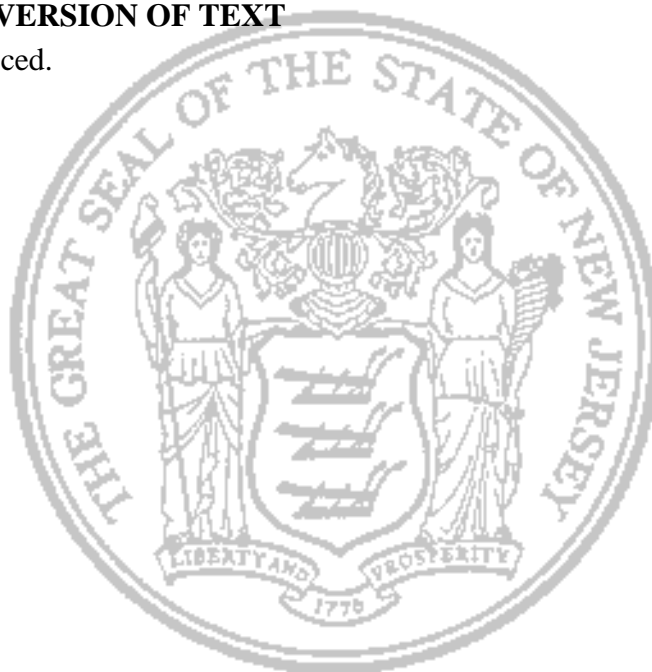
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Police Training Commission to contract with NJ Crisis Intervention Team Center for Excellence to provide mental health training to local police officers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning police training and supplementing chapter 17B
2 of Title 52 of 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 Police Training Commission in the Division of
8 Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety:

9 (1) shall annually contract with the New Jersey Crisis
10 Intervention Team Center of Excellence to assist and support
11 counties in developing and implementing the Crisis Intervention
12 Team model. The Police Training Commission shall assume and
13 maintain any existing contract between the New Jersey Crisis
14 Intervention Team Center of Excellence and the Division of Mental
15 Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human
16 Services in operation upon the effective date of this act. Upon the
17 expiration of that contract, any new contract entered into under this
18 paragraph between the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center
19 of Excellence and the Police Training Commission shall provide, at
20 a minimum, the same provisions of the expired contract, originally
21 entered into between the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team
22 Center of Excellence and the Division of Mental Health and
23 Addiction Services;

24 (2) shall require every municipal police officer appointed to a
25 police department and force established pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-
26 118 and every county police officer appointed to a police
27 department and force pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-106, within five
28 years of the effective date of this act or by a date determined by the
29 Attorney General, to complete the Crisis Intervention Team model
30 as part of the officer's in-service training;

31 (3) may develop and implement, in collaboration with the New
32 Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence, a curriculum
33 applying the Crisis Intervention Team model to persons
34 experiencing an economic crisis or struggling with a substance
35 abuse disorder who come into contact with law enforcement first
36 responders.

37 b. The Police Training Commission shall adopt rules and
38 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
39 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of
40 this act.

41 c. As used in this section:

42 "Crisis Intervention Team model" means the best practice jail
43 diversion model originally developed by the Memphis Tennessee
44 Police Department and implemented in New Jersey as a county
45 based collaboration of professionals committed to improving the
46 law enforcement and mental health systems' response to persons

1 experiencing a psychiatric crisis who come into contact with law
2 enforcement first responders.

3 “New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence”
4 means a program of the Mental Health Association in Southwestern
5 New Jersey serving as a support center to assist New Jersey
6 counties in developing and implementing the Crisis Intervention
7 Team model.

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to
15 contract with the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center for
16 Excellence to provide mental health training to local police officers.

17 Specifically, under the bill, the PTC in the Division of Criminal
18 Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety is required to
19 contract with the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center of
20 Excellence to assist and support counties in developing and
21 implementing the Crisis Intervention Team model. Under the bill, the
22 “Crisis Intervention Team model” means the best practice jail
23 diversion model originally developed by the Memphis Tennessee
24 Police Department and implemented in New Jersey as a county based
25 collaboration of professionals committed to improving the law
26 enforcement and mental health systems’ response to persons
27 experiencing a psychiatric crisis who come into contact with law
28 enforcement first responders. “New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team
29 Center of Excellence” means a program of the Mental Health
30 Association in Southwestern New Jersey serving as a support center to
31 assist New Jersey counties in developing and implementing the Crisis
32 Intervention Team model.

33 The bill directs the PTC to assume and maintain any existing
34 contract between the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center of
35 Excellence and the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
36 (DMHAS) in the Department of Human Services in operation upon the
37 effective date of the bill. Upon the expiration of that contract, any
38 new contract entered into under this bill between the New Jersey Crisis
39 Intervention Team Center of Excellence and the PTC is to provide, at a
40 minimum, the same provisions of the expired contract, originally
41 entered into between the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team Center
42 of Excellence and the DMHAS.

43 The bill also directs the PTC to require every municipal and county
44 police officer appointed to a police department and force in this State,
45 within five years of the effective date of this act or by a date
46 determined by the Attorney General, to complete the Crisis
47 Intervention Team model as part of the officer’s in-service training.

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1 Finally, the bill provides that the PTC may develop and
2 implement, in collaboration with the New Jersey Crisis Intervention
3 Team Center of Excellence, a curriculum applying the Crisis
4 Intervention Team model to persons experiencing an economic
5 crisis or struggling with a substance abuse disorder who come into
6 contact with law enforcement first responders.