

ASSEMBLY, No. 4712

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires six hours police officer in-service cultural diversity training every five years.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/8/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning police officer training and amending
2 P.L.2016, c.23.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.2016, c.23 (C.52:17B-77.14) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement
10 department in the State and every campus police department at an
11 institution of higher education in the State that appoints police
12 officers pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et seq.) **[may]**
13 shall provide six hours of in-service training of its personnel every
14 five years utilizing the cultural diversity training course materials or
15 online tutorial developed or identified by the Department of Law
16 and Public Safety pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2016, c.23
17 (C.52:17B-77.13).

18 (cf: P.L.2016, c.23, s.2)

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
21 month next following enactment.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires all police officers in this State to complete six
27 hours of cultural diversity training course every five years.

28 Current law requires the Department of Law and Public Safety to
29 develop or identify a uniform cultural diversity training course,
30 including an on-line tutorial, which includes instruction promoting
31 positive interaction with all members residing in the community,
32 regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.
33 The training course is available to every State, county, municipal,
34 and campus police department for in-service training of its officers.

35 This bill changes this law to mandate that police officers receive
36 a minimum of six hours of in-service cultural diversity training
37 every five years.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.