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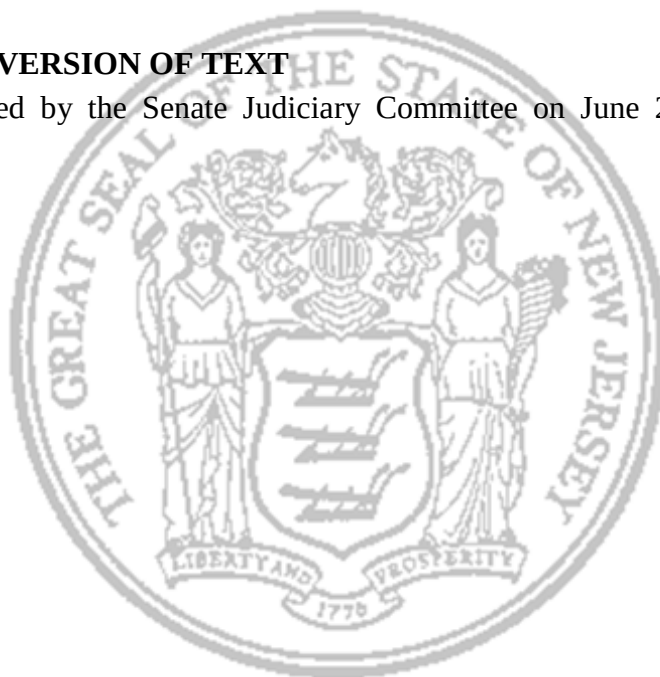
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SYNOPSIS

Requires uniform response procedures for all domestic crisis teams established or participated in by law enforcement agencies, and strengthens Statewide supervision over teams; expands topics required in training courses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 21, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹**the**¹ training ¹requirements¹ and oversight
2 of domestic crisis teams established or participated in by law
3 enforcement agencies, and amending P.L.1991, c.261.

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

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8 1. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-20) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. a. (1) The Division of Criminal Justice shall develop and
11 approve a training course and curriculum on the handling,
12 investigation and response procedures concerning reports of
13 domestic violence and abuse and neglect of the elderly and
14 disabled. This training course and curriculum shall include
15 ¹**response**¹ procedures to be followed by all ¹**domestic crisis**
16 teams established or participated in by¹ law enforcement agencies
17 pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection b. of this section. The
18 training course and curriculum shall be reviewed at least every two
19 years and modified by the Division of Criminal Justice from time to
20 time as need may require. The Division of Criminal Justice shall
21 distribute the curriculum to all local police agencies.

22 (2) The Attorney General shall be responsible for ensuring that
23 all law enforcement officers attend initial training within 90 days of
24 appointment or transfer and annual ¹**inservice**¹ in-service¹ training
25 of at least four hours as described in this section.

26 b. (1) The Administrative ¹**Office**¹ Director¹ of the Courts
27 shall develop and approve a training course and a curriculum on the
28 handling, investigation and response procedures concerning
29 allegations of domestic violence. This training course shall be
30 reviewed at least every two years and modified by the
31 Administrative ¹**Office**¹ Director¹ of the Courts from time to time
32 as need may require.

33 (2) The Administrative Director of the Courts shall be
34 responsible for ensuring that all judges and judicial personnel attend
35 initial training within 90 days of appointment or transfer and annual
36 ¹**inservice**¹ in-service¹ training as described in this section.

37 (3) The ¹**Division of Criminal Justice**¹ Attorney General¹ and
38 the Administrative ¹**Office**¹ Director¹ of the Courts shall provide
39 that all training on the handling of domestic violence matters shall
40 include information concerning the impact of domestic violence on
41 society, the dynamics of domestic violence, ¹the impact of trauma
42 on survivors, techniques when interviewing a survivor of trauma,
43 the impact of racial bias and discrimination on survivors and

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SJU committee amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

1 marginalized communities,¹ the statutory and case law concerning
2 domestic violence, the necessary elements of a protection order,
3 policies and procedures as promulgated or ordered by the Attorney
4 General or the Supreme Court, and the use of available community
5 resources, support services, available sanctions and treatment
6 options. Law enforcement agencies, under the supervision of the
7 Division of Criminal Justice, shall: **[(1)]** (a) establish domestic
8 crisis teams or participate in established domestic crisis teams,
9 which shall be made available to victims whenever law enforcement
10 responds to reports of domestic violence and abuse and neglect of
11 the elderly and disabled; and **[(2) shall]** (b) train, in accordance
12 with the training course and curriculum developed pursuant to
13 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section, all individual officers
14 participating in domestic crisis teams in methods of dealing with
15 domestic violence and neglect and abuse of the elderly and
16 disabled. The teams may include social workers, clergy or other
17 persons trained in counseling, crisis intervention or in the treatment
18 of domestic violence and neglect and abuse of the elderly and
19 disabled victims.

20 (cf: P.L.1999, c.433, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
23 next following enactment.