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SYNOPSIS

Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence training and amending
2 P.L.1999, c.349.

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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 10 of P.L.1999, c.349 (C.2B:25-10) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 10. a. (1) The Attorney General in consultation with the county
10 and municipal prosecutors **【may】** shall develop curricula for
11 training programs for all municipal prosecutors which shall include,
12 but not be limited to, domestic violence training.

13 (2) Participation in such training programs shall be voluntary,
14 except that participation in the domestic violence training program
15 shall be mandatory. An attorney successfully completing a training
16 program shall receive such certification or recognition as deemed
17 appropriate by the Attorney General.

18 b. The domestic violence training course and curriculum shall
19 be reviewed at least every two years and modified by the Division
20 of Criminal Justice from time to time as need may require.

21 The Attorney General shall be responsible for ensuring that all
22 municipal prosecutors attend an initial domestic violence training
23 within 90 days of appointment or transfer and annual inservice
24 training of at least four hours as described in paragraph (3) of
25 subsection b. of section 4 of P.L. 1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-20).
26 (cf: P.L.1999, c.349, s.10)

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill amends the existing statute concerning training
34 programs for municipal prosecutors. Presently, section 10 of P.L.
35 1999, c.349 authorizes the Attorney General, in consultation with
36 the county and municipal prosecutors, to develop curricula for
37 training programs for all municipal prosecutors, however, such
38 action is not mandatory. Moreover, participation in such training is
39 voluntary.

40 This bill directs the Attorney General, in consultation with the
41 county and municipal prosecutors, to develop a training program for
42 all municipal prosecutors which shall include, but not be limited to,
43 domestic violence training. Participation in the domestic violence
44 training is mandatory under the bill.

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.

1 Under the bill, the domestic violence training course and
2 curriculum shall be reviewed at least every two years and modified
3 by the Division of Criminal Justice from time to time as need may
4 require.

5 The Attorney General shall be responsible for ensuring that all
6 municipal prosecutors attend an initial domestic violence training
7 within 90 days of appointment or transfer and annual inservice
8 training of at least four hours.