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SYNOPSIS

Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)

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 ¹and include topics
13 regarding the dynamics of domestic violence, the impact of
14 domestic violence on children, the impact of trauma on survivors,
15 risks for lethality in domestic violence cases, offenders
16 accountability, safety planning and services for survivors of
17 domestic violence, the impact of racial bias and discrimination on
18 survivors and marginalized communities¹.

19 (2) Participation in such training programs shall be voluntary,
20 except that participation in the domestic violence training program
21 shall be mandatory. An attorney successfully completing a training
22 program shall receive such certification or recognition as deemed
23 appropriate by the Attorney General.

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

27 The Attorney General shall be responsible for ensuring that all
28 ¹new¹ municipal prosecutors ¹appointed after the effective date of
29 P.L. _____, c. _____ who have not previously served as a municipal
30 prosecutor for a municipality¹ attend an initial domestic violence
31 training within 90 days of appointment or transfer and annual
32 ¹in-service¹ in-service¹ training of at least four hours as described
33 in paragraph (3) of subsection b. of section 4 of P.L. 1991, c.261
34 (C.2C:25-20). ¹The training shall not be required for any municipal
35 prosecutor who was appointed to that office prior to the effective
36 date of P.L. _____, c. _____ who is subsequently re-appointed to that office
37 or appointed as a municipal prosecutor for another municipality
38 after that effective date.¹

39 (cf: P.L.1999, c.349, s.10)

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.