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HB3454

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

50 ILCS 705/7

from Ch. 85, par. 507

Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the curriculum for probationary police officers in all certified schools shall include a block of instruction aimed at identifying and interacting with persons with autism and other developmental disabilities, reducing barriers to reporting crimes against persons with autism, and addressing the unique challenges presented by cases involving victims or witnesses with autism and other developmental disabilities.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
5 changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 507)

7 Sec. 7. Rules and standards for schools. The Board shall
8 adopt rules and minimum standards for such schools which shall
9 include but not be limited to the following:

10 a. The curriculum for probationary police officers which
11 shall be offered by all certified schools shall include but not
12 be limited to courses of arrest, search and seizure, civil
13 rights, human relations, cultural diversity, including racial
14 and ethnic sensitivity, criminal law, law of criminal
15 procedure, vehicle and traffic law including uniform and
16 non-discriminatory enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code,
17 traffic control and accident investigation, techniques of
18 obtaining physical evidence, court testimonies, statements,
19 reports, firearms training, first-aid (including
20 cardiopulmonary resuscitation), handling of juvenile
21 offenders, recognition of mental conditions which require
22 immediate assistance and methods to safeguard and provide
23 assistance to a person in need of mental treatment, law of

1 evidence, the hazards of high-speed police vehicle chases with
2 an emphasis on alternatives to the high-speed chase, and
3 physical training. The curriculum shall include specific
4 training in techniques for immediate response to and
5 investigation of cases of domestic violence and of sexual
6 assault of adults and children. The curriculum shall also
7 include a block of instruction aimed at identifying and
8 interacting with persons with autism and other developmental
9 disabilities, reducing barriers to reporting crimes against
10 persons with autism, and addressing the unique challenges
11 presented by cases involving victims or witnesses with autism
12 and other developmental disabilities. The curriculum for
13 permanent police officers shall include but not be limited to
14 (1) refresher and in-service training in any of the courses
15 listed above in this subparagraph, (2) advanced courses in any
16 of the subjects listed above in this subparagraph, (3) training
17 for supervisory personnel, and (4) specialized training in
18 subjects and fields to be selected by the board.

19 b. Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements and
20 equipment requirements.

21 c. Minimum requirements for instructors.

22 d. Minimum basic training requirements, which a
23 probationary police officer must satisfactorily complete
24 before being eligible for permanent employment as a local law
25 enforcement officer for a participating local governmental
26 agency. Those requirements shall include training in first aid

1 (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

2 e. Minimum basic training requirements, which a
3 probationary county corrections officer must satisfactorily
4 complete before being eligible for permanent employment as a
5 county corrections officer for a participating local
6 governmental agency.

7 f. Minimum basic training requirements which a
8 probationary court security officer must satisfactorily
9 complete before being eligible for permanent employment as a
10 court security officer for a participating local governmental
11 agency. The Board shall establish those training requirements
12 which it considers appropriate for court security officers and
13 shall certify schools to conduct that training.

14 A person hired to serve as a court security officer must
15 obtain from the Board a certificate (i) attesting to his or her
16 successful completion of the training course; (ii) attesting to
17 his or her satisfactory completion of a training program of
18 similar content and number of hours that has been found
19 acceptable by the Board under the provisions of this Act; or
20 (iii) attesting to the Board's determination that the training
21 course is unnecessary because of the person's extensive prior
22 law enforcement experience.

23 Individuals who currently serve as court security officers
24 shall be deemed qualified to continue to serve in that capacity
25 so long as they are certified as provided by this Act within 24
26 months of the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996.

1 Failure to be so certified, absent a waiver from the Board,
2 shall cause the officer to forfeit his or her position.

3 All individuals hired as court security officers on or
4 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996 shall
5 be certified within 12 months of the date of their hire, unless
6 a waiver has been obtained by the Board, or they shall forfeit
7 their positions.

8 The Sheriff's Merit Commission, if one exists, or the
9 Sheriff's Office if there is no Sheriff's Merit Commission,
10 shall maintain a list of all individuals who have filed
11 applications to become court security officers and who meet the
12 eligibility requirements established under this Act. Either
13 the Sheriff's Merit Commission, or the Sheriff's Office if no
14 Sheriff's Merit Commission exists, shall establish a schedule
15 of reasonable intervals for verification of the applicants'
16 qualifications under this Act and as established by the Board.
17 (Source: P.A. 93-209, eff. 7-18-03.)