
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POLICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 52D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§52D- Police officers; training; persons with mental
5 disabilities; crisis intervention. (a) Each police commission
6 established pursuant to section 52D-1 shall ensure that every
7 full-time police officer receives crisis intervention training
8 relating to law enforcement interaction with persons with mental
9 disabilities. The training shall include, at a minimum, eight
10 hours of core instruction in the following:

- 11 (1) The causes and nature of mental illnesses and
12 developmental disabilities;
13 (2) How to identify indicators of mental disability and
14 how to respond appropriately in a variety of common
15 situations;
16 (3) Conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques for
17 potentially dangerous situations involving persons
18 with mental disabilities;



- 1 (4) Appropriate language usage when interacting with
2 persons with mental disabilities;
- 3 (5) Alternatives to lethal force when interacting with
4 potentially dangerous persons with mental
5 disabilities;
- 6 (6) Community and state resources available to serve
7 persons with mental disabilities and how these
8 resources can be best utilized by law enforcement to
9 benefit persons with mental disabilities; and
- 10 (7) The fact that a crime committed because of an actual
11 or perceived disability of the victim is punishable by
12 an extended term of imprisonment pursuant to section
13 706-662(6)(b).
- 14 (b) Each officer who completes the training required by
15 this section shall obtain written proof of completion of the
16 training pursuant to procedures adopted by the applicable police
17 commission.
- 18 (c) Each police commission shall establish policies
19 relating to interaction between officers and persons with mental
20 disabilities or homeless individuals. The training provided



1 pursuant to this section shall be consistent with the policies
2 established pursuant to this subsection.

3 (d) The training required by this section shall be
4 completed no later than January 1, 2018."

5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Police; Persons with Mental Disabilities; Crisis Intervention;
Training

Description:

Requires police commissions to ensure that all full-time police officers receive crisis intervention training related to interaction with persons with mental disabilities. Requires police commissions to establish policies for officer interaction with persons with mental disabilities and homeless persons.
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