

§§1,2 -
C.52:17B-77.15 &
52:17B-77.16
§3 - Note

P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 368, *approved January 20, 2020*
Assembly, No. 1028 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** concerning police training and supplementing Title 52 of
2 the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Department of Law and Public Safety, in
8 consultation with the Department of Human Services, shall
9 establish a training curriculum designed to prevent suicide
10 committed by law enforcement officers. The issues addressed in
11 the training curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, the
12 causes, behaviors, warning signs, and risk factors associated with
13 officer suicide. In addition, the training curriculum shall:

14 1) identify appropriate intervention strategies to be used by law
15 enforcement departments to effectively prevent officer suicide; and

16 2) provide information concerning programs that offer crisis
17 intervention and counseling services to law enforcement officers.

18 b. The training curriculum established pursuant to subsection a.
19 of this section shall be made available to each State, county, and
20 municipal law enforcement department and each campus police
21 department at an institution of higher education that appoints law
22 enforcement officers pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et
23 seq.) to be used as part of in-service training provided to each law
24 enforcement officer in this State. The in-service training shall be
25 administered to each law enforcement officer once every ¹**[10]**
26 five¹ years following the officer's date of initial appointment.

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28 ¹2. a. The chief law enforcement officer or the chief law
29 enforcement officer's designee of each State, county, and municipal
30 law enforcement agency and campus police department at an
31 institution of higher education that appoints law enforcement
32 officers pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et seq.) shall
33 report within a reasonable time to the Office of the Attorney
34 General, in a manner prescribed by the Attorney General, any
35 incident of a completed suicide by a law enforcement officer
36 employed by their respective agency or department. The report
37 shall include:

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:

¹Assembly ALP committee amendments adopted March 7, 2019.

d. The reporting of a suicide pursuant to this section shall not replace or alter any other requirement of law, professional standard, or obligation that requires the law enforcement agency to evaluate a death or report a suicide.¹

1[2.] 3.1 This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month following enactment.

Establishes training program to prevent suicide by law enforcement officer; requires reporting of law enforcement officer suicides to Attorney General.