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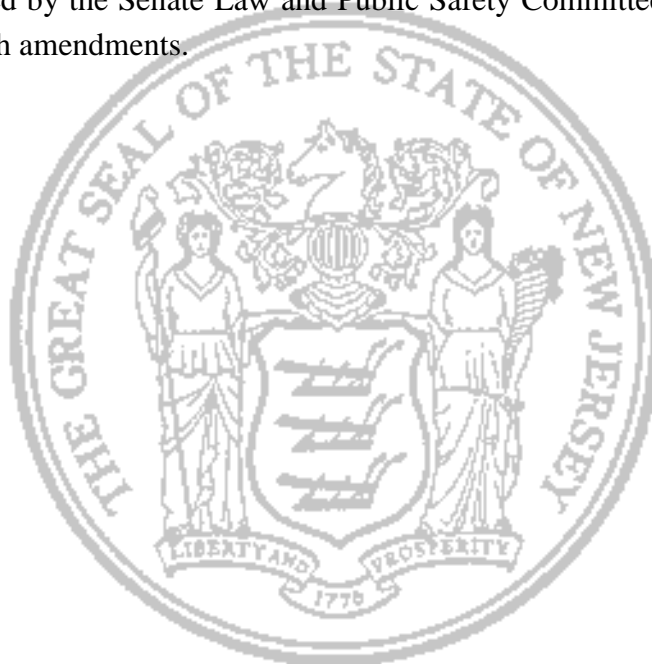
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on November 18, 2019, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

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:

38 (1) the month and year during which the law enforcement
 39 officer's death occurred;

40 (2) the law enforcement officer's age, salary, and length of
 41 service with the law enforcement agency at the time of the officer's
 42 death;

43 (3) the race and gender of the law enforcement officer;

44 (4) any known facts pertaining to the cause or method of

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 SLP committee amendments adopted November 18, 2019.

1 suicide; and

2 (5) the veteran status and level of education of the law
3 enforcement officer.

4 b. The report required pursuant to subsection a. of this section
5 shall not identify the law enforcement officer by name or date of
6 birth.

7 c. The Attorney General shall aggregate the data provided
8 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, which aggregated data
9 shall be made publicly available for use in suicide prevention and
10 intervention studies.

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

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16 ¹[2.] 3.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the
17 seventh month following enactment.