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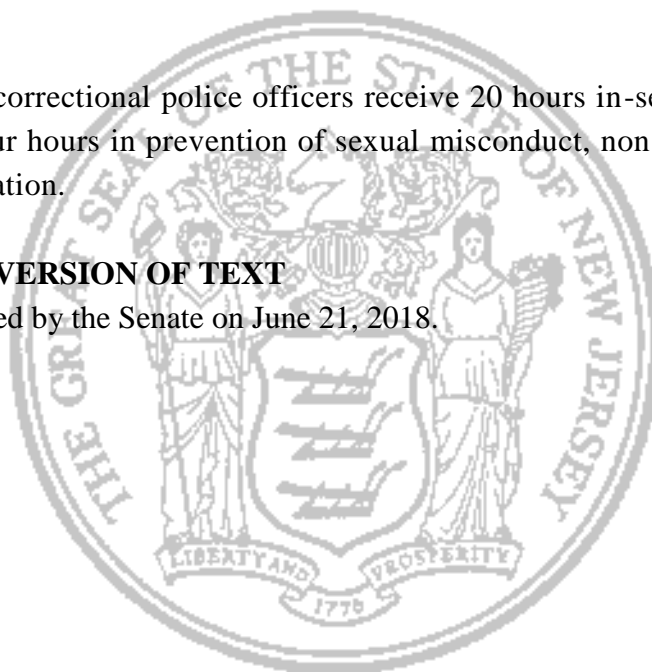
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SYNOPSIS

Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on June 21, 2018.



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

1 AN ACT concerning correctional police officer training and
2 supplementing Title 30 of 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. In addition to the duties of the commissioner set forth in
8 section 6 of P.L.1976, c.98 (C.30:1B-6), the commissioner shall
9 institute a mandatory annual in-service training program of at least
10 ¹~~40~~ 20¹ hours for each correctional police officer in every State
11 correctional facility.

12 b. At least ¹~~eight~~ four¹ hours of the mandatory ¹~~40~~ 20¹
13 hours of training required by subsection a. of this section shall
14 include training in:

15 (1) sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment
16 prevention as required pursuant to the provisions of the federal
17 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA);

18 (2) non-fraternization and undue familiarity; and

19 (3) conditioning and manipulation awareness.

20 c. ¹~~Thirty-two~~ Sixteen¹ hours of the training required by
21 subsection a. of this section shall be dedicated to topics chosen by
22 the training department of each State correctional facility from a list
23 of approved courses developed by the commissioner.

24 d. The training required in subsection a. of this section shall be
25 in addition to firearms qualification training and use-of force
26 training.

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28 2. The in-service training on non-fraternization and undue
29 familiarity required by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section 1 of
30 this act shall include training on the parameters of authorized
31 contact that a correctional police officer may have with a current
32 and former inmate as follows:

33 a. prohibit an officer from making personal contacts with or
34 engaging in a personal relationship with a current inmate except as
35 explicitly authorized;

36 b. limit ongoing contacts with a current or former inmate,
37 member of the inmate's family, or close associate of the inmate to
38 those persons with whom the officer was acquainted or associated
39 with before the inmate entered the correctional facility, and in these
40 situations, require the officer to provide the officer's supervisor, in
41 writing, of the nature, extent, and history of the relationship;

42 c. prohibit an officer from engaging in any of the following
43 activities related to an inmate, a member of the inmate's family, or
44 a close associate of the inmate for a minimum of 90 days after the

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 floor amendments adopted June 21, 2018.

1 release of the inmate:

2 (1) display favoritism or preferential treatment toward one inmate
3 or group of inmates over another;

4 (2) give gifts, favors, or services beyond those required by the
5 facility;

6 (3) accept for the officer or a family member of the officer any
7 tangible or non-tangible personal reward or other consideration;

8 (4) engage in any business relationship;

9 (5) engage in any non-incident contact outside the facility;

10 (6) engage in a personal relationship; and

11 (7) require any authorized contact to be conducted in a
12 professional manner.

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14 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the **1[seventh]**
15 thirteenth¹ month after enactment, but the Commissioner of
16 Corrections may take such anticipatory action prior to the effective
17 date as necessary to effectuate the act's provisions.