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1 AN ACT concerning emergency response training, and supplementing  
2 P.L.1987, c.220 (C.13:1K-33 et seq.).

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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. Within 180 days of the effective date of this act the Division  
8 of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety and the  
9 Department of Environmental Protection shall establish and thereafter  
10 shall annually conduct an advanced hazardous material discharge  
11 emergency response training program for local government unit  
12 employees or agents involved in responding to releases or potential  
13 releases of hazardous substances for the purpose of stopping,  
14 containing or cleaning up the release. Except as provided below, any  
15 agent of or person employed by a local government unit who is a  
16 member of a county or municipal hazardous material emergency  
17 response team shall complete the hazardous material emergency  
18 response training program established and operated by the State Police  
19 and the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to this  
20 section. The training program may be designed to train persons to  
21 different levels of knowledge and responsibility. Any agent of or  
22 person employed by a local government unit who is responsible only  
23 for hazardous material discharge initial response shall be required to  
24 complete the training only as required in P.L.1987, c.220 (C.13:1K-33  
25 et seq.).

26 b. The advanced training program shall be designed to enable its  
27 participants to:

28 (1) stop or contain, control, and manage the release of a hazardous  
29 substance;

30 (2) know how to implement an emergency response plan;

31 (3) know the classification, identification, and verification of

- 1 known and unknown materials by using field survey instruments and  
2 equipment;
- 3 (4) know how to select and use proper specialized protective  
4 equipment;
- 5 (5) understand hazard and risk assessment techniques;
- 6 (6) be able to perform control, containment or confinement  
7 operations;
- 8 (7) determine or understand and implement decontamination  
9 procedures;
- 10 (8) understand chemical and toxicological terminology and  
11 behavior; and
- 12 (9) have the ability to develop or follow a site safety and control  
13 plan.

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15 2. a. There is created in the Division of State Police in the  
16 Department of Law and Public Safety a Hazardous Materials  
17 Emergency Response Training Advisory Panel. The Hazardous  
18 Materials Emergency Response Training Advisory Panel shall consist  
19 of seven members, as follows: the Director of the Office of  
20 Emergency Management in the Division of the State Police in the  
21 Department of Law and Public Safety who shall serve as the chairman;  
22 the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or a representative;  
23 the Commissioner of Health, or a representative; the Commissioner of  
24 Community Affairs, or a representative; the Attorney General or a  
25 representative; two members, appointed by the Governor, who shall  
26 serve for two year terms, and of whom one shall be a member of a  
27 county hazardous materials response team and one shall be a member  
28 of a municipal hazardous materials response team.

29 b. It shall be the responsibility of the panel to advise the Office of  
30 Emergency Management on changes that must be made to the  
31 advanced hazardous material discharge emergency response program  
32 to render it more effective and to ensure that it is consistent with any  
33 applicable federal and State requirements, and to render advice  
34 concerning the effectiveness of the program for training local  
35 government unit employees or agents who serve on hazardous  
36 materials response teams.

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38 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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43 This bill would require any municipal or county employee or agent  
44 who is a member of the local government unit's hazardous material  
45 emergency response team and who is responsible for responding to  
46 releases or potential releases of hazardous substances to complete an

1 advanced hazardous material emergency response training program.  
2 The bill would require the training program to be established and  
3 operated by the State Police in the Department of Law and Public  
4 Safety and the Department of Environmental Protection. Any person  
5 who is an agent of or is employed by a local government unit who is  
6 responsible only for hazardous material discharge initial response  
7 would be required to complete the training only as required in  
8 P.L.1987, c.220 (C.13:1K-33 et seq.).

9 The bill would require that the program be designed to enable its  
10 participants to stop the release of a hazardous substance, know how  
11 to implement an emergency response plan, know the classification,  
12 identification, and verification of known and unknown materials by  
13 using field survey instruments and equipment, know how to select and  
14 use proper specialized protective equipment, understand hazard and  
15 risk assessment techniques, be able to perform control, containment or  
16 confinement operations, determine or understand and implement  
17 decontamination procedures, understand chemical and toxicological  
18 terminology and behavior, and have the ability to develop or follow a  
19 site safety and control plan.

20 Finally, the bill would create an advisory panel consisting of seven  
21 members to advise the Office of Emergency Management on changes  
22 that must be made to the program to render it more effective and to  
23 ensure that it is consistent with any applicable federal or State  
24 requirements, and to render advice concerning the effectiveness of the  
25 program for training local government unit employees or agents who  
26 serve on hazardous materials response teams.

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31 Requires certain training for members of local hazardous material  
32 emergency response teams.