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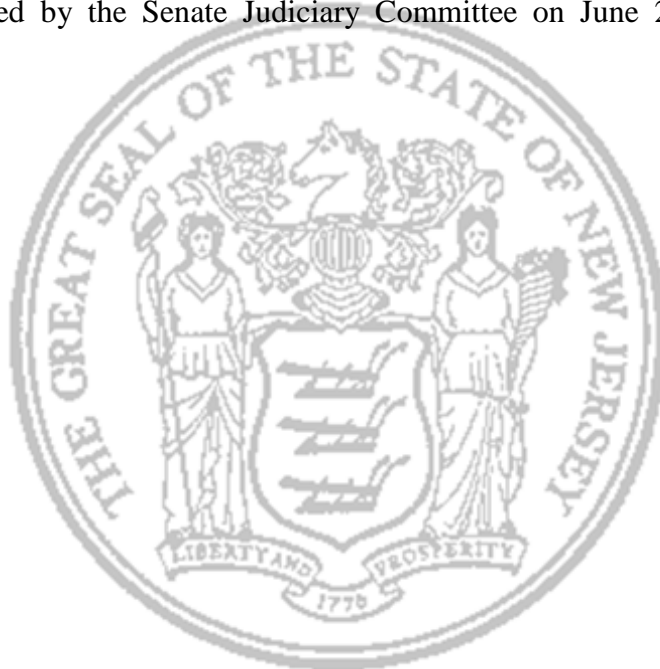
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SYNOPSIS

Requires training for law enforcement officers and assistant county prosecutors concerning handling of domestic violence cases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 21, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning certain training for law enforcement and
2 assistant county prosecutors and amending P.L.1991, c.261.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-20) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. (1) The Division of Criminal Justice shall develop and
10 approve a training course and curriculum on the handling,
11 investigation and response procedures concerning reports of
12 domestic violence and abuse and neglect of the elderly and
13 disabled. This training course and curriculum shall be reviewed at
14 least every two years and modified by the Division of Criminal
15 Justice from time to time as need may require. The Division of
16 Criminal Justice shall distribute the curriculum to all local police
17 agencies.

18 (2) The Attorney General shall be responsible for ensuring
19 **[that]** training as follows:

20 (a) all law enforcement officers shall attend initial training
21 within 90 days of appointment or transfer and annual **[inservice]**
22 in-service training of at least four hours as described in this section.
23 Once every three years, this in-service training requirement shall be
24 satisfied through in-person instructor-led training.

25 (b) all assistant county prosecutors involved in the handling of
26 domestic violence cases shall attend initial training within 90 days
27 of appointment or transfer and annual in-service training of at least
28 four hours as described in this section.

29 b. (1) The Administrative ¹**[Office]** Director¹ of the Courts
30 shall develop and approve a training course and a curriculum on the
31 handling, investigation and response procedures concerning
32 allegations of domestic violence. This training course shall be
33 reviewed at least every two years and modified by the
34 Administrative ¹**[Office]** Director¹ of the Courts from time to time
35 as need may require.

36 (2) The Administrative Director of the Courts shall be
37 responsible for ensuring that all judges and judicial personnel attend
38 initial training within 90 days of appointment or transfer and annual
39 **[inservice]** in-service training as described in this section.

40 (3) The ¹**[Division of Criminal Justice]** Attorney General¹ and
41 the Administrative ¹**[Office]** Director¹ of the Courts shall provide
42 that all training on the handling of domestic violence matters shall
43 include information concerning the impact of domestic violence on

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 SJU committee amendments adopted June 21, 2021.

1 society, 'and include topics regarding' the dynamics of domestic
2 violence, 'the impact of domestic violence on children, the impact
3 of trauma on survivors, safety risks for lethality in domestic
4 violence cases, safety planning and services for survivors of
5 domestic violence, and the impact of racial bias and discrimination
6 on survivors and marginalized communities', the statutory and case
7 law concerning domestic violence, the necessary elements of a
8 protection order, 'the guidelines regarding when domestic violence
9 incidents trigger mandatory or discretionary arrest,' policies and
10 procedures as promulgated or ordered by the Attorney General or
11 the Supreme Court, and the use of available community resources,
12 support services, available sanctions and treatment options. Law
13 enforcement agencies shall: (1) establish domestic crisis teams or
14 participate in established domestic crisis teams, and (2) shall train
15 individual officers in methods of dealing with domestic violence
16 and neglect and abuse of the elderly and disabled. The teams may
17 include social workers, clergy or other persons trained in
18 counseling, crisis intervention or in the treatment of domestic
19 violence and neglect and abuse of the elderly and disabled victims.
20 (cf: P.L.1999, c.433, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.