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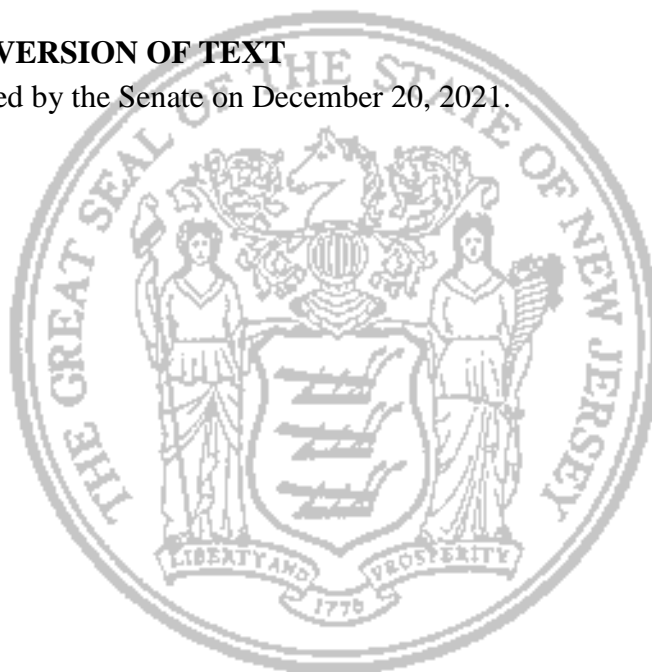
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 20, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/2/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning police training and supplementing chapter 17B
2 of Title 52 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. ¹The Attorney General, in consultation with the
8 Commissioner of Human Services, shall develop a pilot program to
9 promote and encourage law enforcement officers Statewide to
10 complete training that applies the Crisis Intervention Team model,
11 which program may include support for and coordination between
12 the Police Training Commission in the Division of Criminal Justice
13 in the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Division of
14 Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human
15 Services to increase the frequency of, number of locations, and
16 geographic accessibility to training courses offered that apply the
17 Crisis Intervention Team model.

18 b.¹ The Police Training Commission ¹**[in the Division of**
19 **Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety]**¹
20 shall ¹**[**:

21 (1) annually contract with a crisis intervention training center to
22 assist and support counties in developing and implementing the
23 Crisis Intervention Team model. The Police Training Commission
24 shall assume and maintain any existing contract between a crisis
25 intervention training center and the Division of Mental Health and
26 Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services that is in
27 operation upon the effective date of this act. Upon the expiration of
28 that contract, any new contract entered into under this paragraph
29 between the Police Training Commission and a crisis intervention
30 training center shall include, at a minimum, the same provisions
31 that were contained in the expired contract, executed by the
32 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services;

33 (2) require every municipal police officer appointed to a police
34 department and force established pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-118 and
35 every county police officer appointed to a police department and
36 force pursuant to N.J.S.40A:14-106, within five years of the
37 effective date of this act or by a date determined by the Attorney
38 General, to complete the Crisis Intervention Team model as part of
39 the officer's in-service training;

40 (3)**]**¹ develop and implement ¹or incorporate into an existing
41 training course¹, in ¹**[collaboration]** consultation¹ with ¹**[the]** a¹
42 crisis ¹**[and]**¹ intervention training center ¹**[contracted with**
43 **pursuant to this section]**¹, a curriculum that applies the Crisis
44 Intervention Team model to persons experiencing an economic

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 December 20, 2021.

1 crisis or struggling with a substance abuse disorder who come into
2 contact with law enforcement first responders.

3 ¹**【b.** The Police Training Commission shall adopt rules and
4 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
5 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of
6 this act.**】**¹

7 c. As used in this section:

8 “Crisis Intervention Team model” means the best practice jail
9 diversion model originally developed by the Memphis Tennessee
10 Police Department and implemented in New Jersey as a county
11 based collaboration of professionals committed to improving the
12 law enforcement and mental health systems’ response to persons
13 experiencing a psychiatric crisis who come into contact with law
14 enforcement first responders.

15 “Crisis intervention training center” means a program or entity
16 that has operated as a crisis intervention support center in the State
17 for a period of at least five years and ¹**【is contracted, pursuant to**
18 subsection a. of the section, to assist**】** that has experience in
19 assisting political subdivisions in¹ New Jersey ¹**【counties】**¹ in
20 developing and implementing the Crisis Intervention Team model.

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22 2. This act shall take effect ¹**【on the first day of the thirteenth**
23 month next following the date of enactment**】** immediately¹.