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HOUSE BILL 93

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO FACILITATE INTERACTION  
WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Law Enforcement Training  
Act is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ INTERACTION WITH PERSONS WITH MENTAL  
IMPAIRMENTS--TRAINING.--

A. A minimum of forty hours of crisis management,  
including crisis intervention, confrontation de-escalation  
practicum and proper interaction with persons with mental  
impairments training, shall be included in the curriculum of  
each basic law enforcement training class.

B. A minimum of two hours of crisis management,

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1 including crisis intervention, confrontation de-escalation  
2 practicum and proper interaction with persons with mental  
3 impairments training, shall be included as a component of  
4 in-service law enforcement training pursuant to Section  
5 29-7-7.1 NMSA 1978.

6 C. A pre-recorded course on crisis management,  
7 including crisis intervention, confrontation de-escalation  
8 practicum and proper interaction with persons with mental  
9 impairments training, shall not satisfy the requirements of the  
10 basic law enforcement training class required pursuant to  
11 Subsection A of this section.

12 D. As used in this section, "mental impairment"  
13 includes a mental illness, developmental disability,  
14 posttraumatic stress disorder, dual diagnosis, autism, youth in  
15 crisis and traumatic brain injury."

16 SECTION 2. Section 29-7C-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003,  
17 Chapter 320, Section 9) is amended to read:

18 "29-7C-7. IN-SERVICE TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING.--

19 A. In-service telecommunicator training consists of  
20 at least twenty hours of board-approved advanced training,  
21 including one hour of crisis management, including crisis  
22 intervention, confrontation de-escalation practicum and proper  
23 interaction with persons with mental impairments training, for  
24 each certified telecommunicator during each two-year period.  
25 The first training course shall commence no later than twelve

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1 months after graduation from a board-approved basic  
2 telecommunicator training program.

3 B. A certified telecommunicator shall provide proof  
4 of completion of in-service training requirements to the  
5 director no later than March 1 of the year subsequent to the  
6 year in which the requirements are met. The director shall  
7 provide annual notice to all certified telecommunicators  
8 regarding in-service training requirements. Failure to  
9 complete in-service training requirements may be grounds for  
10 suspension of a telecommunicator's certification at the  
11 director's discretion. A telecommunicator may be reinstated at  
12 the discretion of the director when the telecommunicator  
13 presents to the director evidence [~~he~~] the telecommunicator has  
14 satisfied the in-service training requirements.

15 C. As used in this section, "mental impairment"  
16 includes a mental illness, developmental disability,  
17 posttraumatic stress disorder, dual diagnosis, autism, youth in  
18 crisis and traumatic brain injury."

19 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--IMMEDIATE TRAINING--  
20 REQUIRED.--

21 A. The chief law enforcement officer of a state,  
22 county or municipal law enforcement agency who was elected or  
23 appointed prior to July 1, 2011 shall complete a minimum of two  
24 hours of crisis management, including crisis intervention,  
25 confrontation de-escalation practicum and proper interaction

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1 with persons with mental impairments training, no later than  
2 July 1, 2012.

3 B. A law enforcement officer who on September 1,  
4 2010 held an intermediate proficiency certificate or an  
5 advanced proficiency certificate issued pursuant to Section  
6 29-7-7.1 NMSA 1978 shall complete a minimum of two hours of  
7 crisis management, including crisis intervention, confrontation  
8 de-escalation practicum and proper interaction with persons  
9 with mental impairments training, no later than July 1, 2012.

10 C. As used in this section, "mental impairment"  
11 includes a mental illness, developmental disability,  
12 posttraumatic stress disorder, dual diagnosis, autism, youth in  
13 crisis and traumatic brain injury.

14 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.