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SENATE BILL

No. 11

Introduced by Senators Beall and Mitchell

~~(Coauthor: Senator~~ ***Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Hancock,
Hertzberg, Leno, Liu, Monning, and Stone***)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chávez, Frazier, and Maienschein)

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An act to add Sections 13515.26 and 13515.27 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officer training standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 11, as amended, Beall. Peace officer training: mental health.

Existing law requires specified categories of law enforcement officers to meet training standards pursuant to courses of training certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Existing law requires POST to include in its basic training course adequate instruction in the handling of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness, or both. Existing law also requires POST to establish and keep updated a continuing education classroom training course relating to law enforcement interaction with developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons.

This bill would require POST to include in its basic training course ~~an~~ *a promising or* evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course and instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training, to train law enforcement officers to recognize, deescalate, and refer persons with mental illness or intellectual disability who are in crisis.

The bill would require that this *promising or* evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course and instructor-led active learning *take place in the academy*, be at least 20 hours long, and be in addition to the ~~basic training course's~~ current hour requirement *leading to the basic certificate issued by POST*.

The bill would also require POST to establish and keep updated ~~an~~ *a promising or* evidence-based behavioral health *continuing* training course ~~as part of its perishable skills training under its continuing professional training requirement that is equivalent in importance to the perishable skills training provided by POST~~. The bill would require that this *promising or* evidence-based behavioral health *continuing* training course be a minimum of 4 consecutive ~~hours of the total hours required in each 4-year period for perishable skills training~~ *hours*. *The bill would require each law enforcement officer with a rank of supervisor or below and who is assigned to patrol duties or to supervise officers who are assigned to patrol duties to complete this course every 4 years.*

By imposing additional training costs on local law enforcement agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13515.26 is added to the Penal Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 13515.26. (a) The Commission on Peace Officer Standards
- 4 and Training shall establish and keep updated ~~an~~ *a promising or*
- 5 *evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course and*
- 6 *instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training,*
- 7 *relating to law enforcement interaction with persons with mental*
- 8 *illness as part of its basic training course for law enforcement*
- 9 *officers. This promising or evidence-based behavioral health*

1 classroom training course and instructor-led active learning shall
2 train officers to recognize, deescalate, and refer persons with mental
3 illness or intellectual disability who are in crisis.

4 (b) This *promising or* evidence-based behavioral health
5 classroom training course and instructor-led active learning shall
6 address issues relating to stigma, shall be culturally relevant and
7 appropriate, and shall include all of the following topics:

8 (1) The cause and nature of mental illnesses and intellectual
9 disabilities.

10 (2) (A) How to identify indicators of mental illness, intellectual
11 disability, and substance use disorders.

12 (B) How to distinguish between mental illness, intellectual
13 disability, and substance use disorders.

14 (C) How to respond appropriately in a variety of situations
15 involving persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and
16 substance use disorders.

17 (3) Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for
18 potentially dangerous situations.

19 (4) Appropriate language usage when interacting with potentially
20 emotionally distressed persons.

21 (5) Community and state resources available to serve persons
22 with mental illness or intellectual disability, and how these
23 resources can be best utilized by law enforcement.

24 (6) The perspective of individuals and families with lived
25 experiences with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability,
26 and substance use disorders.

27 (c) This *promising or* evidence-based behavioral health
28 classroom training course and instructor-led active learning *which*
29 *will take place in the academy* shall be *at least 20* hours long and
30 shall be in addition to the ~~basic training course's~~ current hour
31 requirement *leading to the basic certificate issued by the*
32 *Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.*

33 SEC. 2. Section 13515.27 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

34 13515.27. (a) The Commission on Peace Officer Standards
35 and Training shall establish and keep updated ~~an~~ *a promising or*
36 evidence-based behavioral health *continuing* training course
37 relating to law enforcement interaction with persons with mental
38 illness ~~as part of its perishable skills training under its continuing~~
39 ~~professional training requirement.~~ *that is equivalent in its*

1 *importance to the perishable skills training provided by the*
2 *Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.*

3 ~~(b) Of the total hours required in each four-year period for~~
4 ~~perishable skills training, a minimum of four consecutive hours~~
5 ~~shall be dedicated to the evidence-based behavioral health training~~
6 ~~course.~~

7 ~~(e)~~

8 ~~(b) This evidence-based behavioral health training course shall~~
9 ~~be at least four consecutive hours and address issues related to~~
10 ~~stigma, shall be culturally relevant and appropriate, and shall~~
11 ~~include all of the following topics:~~

12 ~~(1) The cause and nature of mental illness, intellectual disability,~~
13 ~~and substance use disorders.~~

14 ~~(2) (A) How to identify indicators of mental illness, intellectual~~
15 ~~disability, and substance use disorders.~~

16 ~~(B) How to distinguish between mental illness, intellectual~~
17 ~~disability, and substance use disorders.~~

18 ~~(C) How to respond appropriately in a variety of situations~~
19 ~~involving persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and~~
20 ~~substance use disorders.~~

21 ~~(3) Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for~~
22 ~~potentially dangerous situations.~~

23 ~~(4) Appropriate language usage when interacting with potentially~~
24 ~~emotionally distressed persons.~~

25 ~~(5) Community and state resources available to serve persons~~
26 ~~with mental illness or intellectual disability, and how these~~
27 ~~resources can be best utilized by law enforcement.~~

28 ~~(6) The perspective of individuals and families with lived~~
29 ~~experiences with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability,~~
30 ~~and substance use disorders.~~

31 ~~(c) Each law enforcement officer with a rank of supervisor or~~
32 ~~below and who is assigned to patrol duties or to supervise officers~~
33 ~~who are assigned to patrol duties shall complete the course~~
34 ~~described in subdivisions (a) and (b) every four years.~~

35 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
36 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
37 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made

- 1 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 2 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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