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SENATE BILL

No. 11

Introduced by Senators Beall and Mitchell

**(Coauthors: Senators Anderson, Galgiani, Hancock, Hertzberg,
Leno, Liu, Monning, and Stone)**

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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 review the training module relating to persons with a mental illness, intellectual disability, or substance abuse disorder in its basic training course a promising or evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course and instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training, to train course, and develop additional training to better prepare law enforcement officers to recognize, deescalate, and refer deescalate, and appropriately respond to persons with mental illness or illness, intellectual disability who are in crisis. disability, or substance use disorders.~~ 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 20 hours long, training be at least 15 hours, address issues relating to stigma, be culturally relevant and appropriate, include training scenarios and facilitated learning activities, and be in addition to~~ *included in the current hour requirement leading to the basic certificate issued by POST. of the regular basic course.*

The bill would also require POST to establish and keep updated ~~a promising or evidence-based behavioral health~~ *a classroom-based continuing training course that is equivalent in importance to the perishable skills training provided by POST. that includes instructor-led active learning relating to behavioral health and law enforcement interaction with persons with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders.* The bill would require that this ~~promising or evidence-based behavioral health~~ continuing training course be ~~4~~ *at least 3* consecutive 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.

This bill would require implementation of the training module and continuing training course no later than August 1, 2016.

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

13 ~~(b) This promising or evidence-based behavioral health~~
14 ~~classroom training course and instructor-led active learning shall~~
15 ~~address issues relating to stigma, shall be culturally relevant and~~
16 ~~appropriate, and shall include all of the following topics:~~

17 ~~(1) The cause and nature of mental illnesses and intellectual~~
18 ~~disabilities.~~

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

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

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

26 ~~(3) Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for~~
27 ~~potentially dangerous situations.~~

28 ~~(4) Appropriate language usage when interacting with potentially~~
29 ~~emotionally distressed persons.~~

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

33 ~~(6) The perspective of individuals and families with lived~~
34 ~~experiences with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability,~~
35 ~~and substance use disorders.~~

1 ~~(e) This promising or evidence-based behavioral health~~
2 ~~classroom training course and instructor-led active learning which~~
3 ~~will take place in the academy shall be 20 hours long and shall be~~
4 ~~in addition to the current hour requirement leading to the basic~~
5 ~~certificate issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards~~
6 ~~and Training.~~

7 *SECTION 1. Section 13515.26 is added to the Penal Code, to*
8 *read:*

9 *13515.26. (a) The commission shall review the training module*
10 *in the regular basic course relating to persons with a mental*
11 *illness, intellectual disability, or substance use disorder, and*
12 *analyze existing training curricula in order to identify areas where*
13 *additional training is needed to better prepare law enforcement*
14 *to effectively address incidents involving mentally disabled persons.*

15 *(b) Upon identifying what additional training is needed, the*
16 *commission shall update the training in consultation with*
17 *appropriate community, local, and state organizations, and*
18 *agencies that have expertise in the area of mental illness,*
19 *intellectual disability, and substance use disorders, and with*
20 *appropriate consumer and family advocate groups.*

21 *(c) The training shall address issues related to stigma, shall be*
22 *culturally relevant and appropriate, and shall include all of the*
23 *following topics:*

24 *(1) Recognizing indicators of mental illness, intellectual*
25 *disability, and substance use disorders.*

26 *(2) Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for*
27 *potentially dangerous situations.*

28 *(3) Use of force options and alternatives.*

29 *(4) The perspective of individuals or families who have*
30 *experiences with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability,*
31 *and substance use disorders.*

32 *(5) Mental health resources available to the first responders to*
33 *events that involve mentally disabled persons.*

34 *(d) The course of instruction shall be at least 15 hours, and*
35 *shall include training scenarios and facilitated learning activities*
36 *relating to law enforcement interaction with persons with mental*
37 *illness, intellectual disability, and substance use disorders.*

38 *(e) The course shall be presented within the existing hours*
39 *allotted for the regular basic course.*

1 (f) *The commission shall implement this section on or before*
2 *August 1, 2016.*

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

4 13515.27. (a) ~~The Commission on Peace Officer Standards~~
5 ~~and Training~~ *commission shall establish and keep updated a*
6 ~~promising or evidence-based behavioral health~~ *classroom-based*
7 *continuing training course that includes instructor-led active*
8 *learning, such as scenario-based training, relating to behavioral*
9 *health and law enforcement interaction with persons with mental*
10 ~~illness that is equivalent in its importance to the perishable skills~~
11 ~~training provided by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards~~
12 ~~and Training.~~ *illness, intellectual disability, and substance use*
13 *disorders.*

14 (b) ~~This course shall be four consecutive hours and at least three~~
15 ~~consecutive hours, may include training scenarios and facilitated~~
16 ~~learning activities, shall address issues related to stigma, shall be~~
17 ~~culturally relevant and appropriate, and shall include all of the~~
18 ~~following topics:~~

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

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

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

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

28 (2) ~~Indicators of mental illness, intellectual disability, and~~
29 ~~substance use disorders.~~

30 (3) ~~Appropriate responses to a variety of situations involving~~
31 ~~persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and substance~~
32 ~~use disorders.~~

33 ~~(3)~~

34 (4) ~~Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for~~
35 ~~potentially dangerous situations.~~

36 ~~(4)~~

37 (5) ~~Appropriate language usage when interacting with potentially~~
38 ~~emotionally distressed persons.~~

39 ~~(5) Community and state resources~~

1 (6) Resources available to serve persons with mental illness or
2 intellectual disability, and how these resources can be best utilized
3 by law enforcement. *disability.*

4 (6)

5 (7) The perspective of individuals and families with lived or
6 families who have experiences with persons with mental illness,
7 intellectual disability, and substance use disorders.

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

12 (d) The commission shall implement this section on or before
13 August 1, 2016.

14 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
15 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
16 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
17 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
18 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.