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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON
STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Introduced By: Representative John J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-28.2 of the General Laws entitled "Police Officers - Commission
2 on Standards and Training" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-28.2-8.4. Educational requirements -- Development disability recognition training.**

4 The commission on standards and training shall prepare and publish mandatory training
5 standards to provide instruction for police officers in identifying, responding to, handling,
6 investigating and reporting all incidents involving any person with a "developmental disability" as
7 defined in § 40.1-1-8.1. The commission shall include this training in all curricula for recruits and
8 in-service trainees, and in all police academies operated or certified by the commission.

9 SECTION 2. Section 40.1-1-8.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 40.1-1 entitled
10 "Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals" is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 **40.1-1-8.1. "Developmental disability" defined.**

13 The term "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of a person which:

14 (1) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical
15 impairments;

16 (2) Is manifested ~~before the person attains age twenty-two (22)~~ at any age;

17 (3) Is likely to continue indefinitely;

18 (4) Results in substantial functional limitations in three (3) or more of the following areas

1 of major life activity:

2 (i) Self-care;

3 (ii) Receptive and expressive language;

4 (iii) Learning;

5 (iv) Mobility;

6 (v) Self-direction;

7 (vi) Capacity for independent living; and

8 (vii) Economic self-sufficiency; and

9 (5) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary,
10 or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of life-long or extended duration and are
11 individually planned and coordinated.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in
2 identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental
3 disability.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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