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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, O'Neill, Shekarchi, Craven, and Handy

Date Introduced: February 26, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

4 **42-28.2-8.3. Educational requirements -- Crisis intervention training. -- (a) The**
5 **commission on standards and training shall prepare and publish clearly defined standards for**
6 **competency related to emergency certification and protocols for police officers responding to,**
7 **handling, investigating, and reporting all incidents involving any person requiring a higher level**
8 **of mental health literacy. The commission shall include this universal police training and**
9 **certification in the Mental Health First Aid USA curriculum for recruits and annually at every**
10 **police department in the state, with an annual commitment to increasing the number of officers**
11 **trained.**

12 **(b) The commission shall appoint at least one member from the mental health advocacy**
13 **community to sit in an advisory capacity for this and any related mental health issues.**

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require for Police Officer Commission on Standards and Training to
2 establish mandatory training standards to provide instruction for police officers and trainees, in
3 identifying, responding to, handling, investigating and reporting all incidents involving any
4 person requiring a higher level of mental health literacy.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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