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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: Senators Jabour, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lynch, and Metts

Date Introduced: March 25, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

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
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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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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