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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 10, 2018

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

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

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

15 **40.1-1-8.1. "Developmental disability" defined.**

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

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

- 1 (2) Is manifested ~~before the person attains age twenty two (22)~~ at any age;
- 2 (3) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- 3 (4) Results in substantial functional limitations in three (3) or more of the following areas
- 4 of major life activity:
- 5 (i) Self-care;
- 6 (ii) Receptive and expressive language;
- 7 (iii) Learning;
- 8 (iv) Mobility;
- 9 (v) Self-direction;
- 10 (vi) Capacity for independent living; and
- 11 (vii) Economic self-sufficiency; and
- 12 (5) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special,
- 13 interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of life-long or extended
- 14 duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

15 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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