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

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, Hull, Walsh, Fogarty, and Lyle
Date Introduced: January 09, 2020
Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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


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

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


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

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

(2) Is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two (22) at any age;
(3) Is likely to continue indefinitely;

(4) Results in substantial functional limitations in three (3) or more of the following areas of major life activity:

(i) Self-care;

(ii) Receptive and expressive language;

(iii) Learning;

(iv) Mobility;

(v) Self-direction;

(vi) Capacity for independent living; and

(vii) Economic self-sufficiency; and

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

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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This act would require mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.

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