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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, Regunberg, Amore, Handy, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: January 07, 2016

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

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

14 **40.1-1-8.1. "Developmental disability" defined.** -- The term "developmental disability"
15 means a severe, chronic disability of a person which:

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

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

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

14 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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