

Chapter 108

(House Bill 779)

AN ACT concerning

Police Training Commission – Additional Minimum Training Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to expand a certain curriculum and the minimum courses of study of certain police training conducted by certain police training schools to include special training on, attention to, and the study of the exploitation of children, the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and delinquent acts, the notices, services, support, and rights under State law available to certain victims and victims' representatives, and notification of the rights of victims of identity fraud under federal law; and generally relating to minimum requirements for police training.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

3–207.

Subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Commission has the following powers and duties:

(1) to establish standards for the approval and continuation of approval of schools that conduct police entrance–level and in–service training courses required by the Commission, including State, regional, county, and municipal training schools;

(2) to approve and issue certificates of approval to police training schools;

(3) to inspect police training schools;

(4) to revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued to a police training school;

(5) to establish the following for police training schools:

- (i) curriculum;
- (ii) minimum courses of study;
- (iii) attendance requirements;
- (iv) eligibility requirements;
- (v) equipment and facilities;
- (vi) standards of operation; and
- (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

(6) to require, for entrance-level police training and at least every 3 years for in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include special training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of:

(I) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including[:

(i)] the sexual abuse **AND EXPLOITATION** of children[;] **AND**

[(ii)] related evidentiary procedures; [and

(iii)] (II) the contact with and treatment of victims of [these] crimes **AND DELINQUENT ACTS**;

(III) THE NOTICES, SERVICES, SUPPORT, AND RIGHTS AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND VICTIMS' REPRESENTATIVES UNDER STATE LAW; AND

(IV) THE NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS OF IDENTITY FRAUD AND RELATED CRIMES OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW;

(7) to certify and issue appropriate certificates to qualified instructors for police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training programs;

(8) to verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed training programs and issue diplomas to those police officers;

(9) to conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training programs;

(10) to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service training methods and procedures;

(11) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal, State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

(12) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutions in the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in police science and police administration;

(13) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the State concerned with police training;

(14) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a uniform missing person report form to be available for use by each law enforcement agency of the State on or before October 1, 2008;

(15) to require, for entrance-level police training and annually for in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include, for police officers who are issued an electronic control device by a law enforcement agency, special training in the proper use of electronic control devices, as defined in § 4-109 of the Criminal Law Article, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional provisions; and

(16) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2010.