

SENATE BILL 542

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CF HB 294

By: **Senator Muse**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers – Entrance–Level and Annual Training**
3 **Requirements**
4 **(Christopher’s Law)**

5 FOR the purpose of altering entrance–level and annual training conducted by the
6 State and each county and municipal police training school and required by the
7 Police Training Commission to include certain training consistent with certain
8 provisions; and generally relating to entrance–level and annual training
9 requirements for law enforcement officers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 3–207
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 3–207.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (3) to inspect police training schools;

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

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

7 (i) curriculum;

8 (ii) minimum courses of study;

9 (iii) attendance requirements;

10 (iv) eligibility requirements;

11 (v) equipment and facilities;

12 (vi) standards of operation; and

13 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

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

18 (i) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses,
19 including the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary
20 procedures;

21 (ii) the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and
22 delinquent acts;

23 (iii) the notices, services, support, and rights available to victims
24 and victims' representatives under State law; and

25 (iv) the notification of victims of identity fraud and related
26 crimes of their rights under federal law;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (15) to require, for entrance-level police training and annually for
19 in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal
20 police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include,
21 **CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND**
22 **FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:**

23 **(I) TRAINING IN LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING**
24 **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR);**

25 **(II) TRAINING IN THE PROPER LEVEL AND USE OF FORCE;**

26 **(III) TRAINING REGARDING SENSITIVITY TO CULTURAL AND**
27 **GENDER DIVERSITY;**

28 **(IV) TRAINING REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL**
29 **AND INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND**

30 **(V) for police officers who are issued an electronic control device**
31 **by a law enforcement agency, special training in the proper use of electronic control**
32 **devices, as defined in § 4-109 of the Criminal Law Article[, consistent with**
33 **established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional**
34 **provisions];**

1 (16) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Attorney
2 General, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and the Federal
3 Trade Commission, a uniform identity fraud reporting form that:

4 (i) makes transmitted data available on or before October 1,
5 2011, for use by each law enforcement agency of State and local government; and

6 (ii) may authorize the data to be transmitted to the Consumer
7 Sentinel program in the Federal Trade Commission; and

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

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2014.