

Chapter 221

(House Bill 294)

AN ACT concerning

Law Enforcement Officers – Entrance–Level and ~~Annual~~ In–Service Training Requirements (Christopher’s Law)

FOR the purpose of ~~altering~~ requiring the Police Training Commission to require that certain entrance–level and ~~annual~~ in–service training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school and ~~required by the Police Training Commission to~~ include certain training consistent with certain provisions; and generally relating to entrance–level and ~~annual~~ in–service training requirements for law enforcement officers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary procedures;
 - (ii) the contact with and treatment of victims of 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, ~~CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:~~

~~(I) TRAINING IN LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR);~~

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

~~(III) TRAINING REGARDING SENSITIVITY TO CULTURAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY;~~

~~(IV) TRAINING REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND~~

~~(V) 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;~~

(16) TO REQUIRE, FOR ENTRANCE-LEVEL POLICE TRAINING AND, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR IN-SERVICE LEVEL TRAINING CONDUCTED BY THE STATE AND EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, THAT THE CURRICULUM AND MINIMUM COURSES OF STUDY

INCLUDE, CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:

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

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

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

(IV) TRAINING REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, AND PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES;

~~(16)~~ **(17)** to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and the Federal Trade Commission, a uniform identity fraud reporting form that:

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

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

~~(17)~~ **(18)** 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, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.