

HOUSE BILL 1188

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers – Entrance–Level and In–Service Training**
3 **Requirements – Mental Health Issues**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to require that certain
5 entrance–level and in–service training conducted by the State and each county and
6 municipal police training school include certain training concerning mental health
7 issues; and generally relating to law enforcement officers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 3–207

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 3–207.

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

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

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

23 (3) to inspect police training schools;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

4 (i) curriculum;

5 (ii) minimum courses of study;

6 (iii) attendance requirements;

7 (iv) eligibility requirements;

8 (v) equipment and facilities;

9 (vi) standards of operation; and

10 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

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

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

17 (ii) the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and
18 delinquent acts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (14) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Chief Medical
11 Examiner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a uniform missing person report form
12 to be available for use by each law enforcement agency of the State on or before October 1,
13 2008;

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

21 (16) to require, for entrance-level police training and, as determined by the
22 Commission, for in-service level training conducted by the State and each county and
23 municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study
24 include, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State
25 constitutional provisions:

26 (i) training in lifesaving techniques, including Cardiopulmonary
27 Resuscitation (CPR);

28 (ii) training in the proper level and use of force;

29 (iii) training regarding sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity;

30 and

31 (iv) training regarding individuals with physical, intellectual,
32 developmental, and psychiatric disabilities;

33 **(17) TO REQUIRE, FOR ENTRANCE-LEVEL POLICE TRAINING AND, AS**
34 **DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR IN-SERVICE LEVEL TRAINING CONDUCTED**
35 **BY THE STATE AND EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, THAT**

1 THE CURRICULUM AND MINIMUM COURSES OF STUDY INCLUDE TRAINING
2 CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES THAT IS:

3 (I) DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH
4 PROFESSIONALS AND THEIR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS; AND

5 (II) CONDUCTED BY A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL;

6 (18) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Attorney General,
7 the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and the Federal Trade Commission,
8 a uniform identity fraud reporting form that:

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

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

13 [(18)] (19) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry
14 out the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2016.