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(Senator Hough, *et al.*)

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Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocates as Educators - Membership and Duties
- Community Inclusion Training Oversight

This bill requires the Steering Committee of the Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocates as Educators to review, or to request the alliance to review, the content and monitor the implementation of the training objectives and curriculum adopted by the Police Training Commission for a community inclusion program. The review must be conducted at least every four years but may be conducted more frequently at the request of the Police Training Commission. The bill also removes representatives from People on the Go and the Maryland Association of Boards of Education from the steering committee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect State operations or finances, as entrance-level and in-service training materials have already been developed and are already in use. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: The bill is not expected to materially affect local operations or finances, as entrance-level and in-service training materials have already been developed and are already in use.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background:

Ethan Saylor Alliance

The Ethan Saylor Alliance for Self-Advocates as Educators, housed within the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD), was established by Chapters 387 and 388 of 2015 to (1) prepare and support advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities to play an active role as trainers of law enforcement; (2) connect law enforcement with trained educators who have developmental disabilities; (3) promote collaborative efforts that support community inclusion; and (4) identify resources needed to prepare and support educators with developmental disabilities. MDOD advises that planning for the activities of the alliance are underway, and that the alliance will likely *assist with the implementation* of curricula and training objectives developed by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC).

The alliance's steering committee consists of 13 members including 4 State officials or their designees; 3 representatives of specified organizations; 2 representatives of community-based organizations that support people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities; and 4 members of the public with knowledge of intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities, including at least 2 self-advocates and a family member of an individual with an intellectual disability or developmental disability, each appointed by the Secretary for Developmental Disabilities.

Committee members appointed by the Secretary serve for three-year terms and continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. A member may be reappointed.

Members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under standard State travel regulations.

The steering committee is required to (1) develop parameters for the alliance, including expected outcomes and methods of evaluation; (2) select entities to operate the alliance through a competitive process; (3) provide general oversight; (4) approve the budget; (5) review the alliance's activities and outcomes; and (6) develop recommendations for the sustainability and expansion of the alliance, including the costs of sustaining and expanding the alliance, potential sources of funding, and compensation and supports for self-advocate educators.

Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions

The Maryland Police Training Commission, partnered with the Maryland Correctional Training Commission to make up MPCTC, is tasked with ensuring the quality of law enforcement through the establishment and enforcement of standards and the facilitation and delivery of training, education, and prevention programs. The commissions are intended to foster and maintain ethics and integrity, encourage continuous learning, and treat everyone with dignity and respect. Other agency responsibilities include administration of the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute and the Executive Development Institute. The commissions administer programs including (1) the Public Safety Education and Training Center; (2) statewide selection and training standards; (3) the police entrance-level training program; and (4) the Leadership Development Institute.

MPCTC advises that training objectives and a model curriculum have already been developed regarding interactions with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These developments were, in part, a response to Chapter 221 of 2014, which required, among other things, that all entrance-level and in-service training include training regarding individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. MPCTC further advises that both entrance-level and in-service training objectives and model curricula have been approved for implementation as of January 2016; moreover, training regarding interactions with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities has already been functionally implemented at the individual academies across the State.

State Expenditures: MDOD advises that the steering committee can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. Should the steering committee choose to request the alliance to conduct the review, MDOD advises that any such request would be included in any contract for services to be provided to the alliance. For example, MDOD advises that \$75,000 has been budgeted for contractual services for the alliance in fiscal 2017.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 848 of 2015, a bill with a similar review requirement but by a different entity, passed the Senate and was assigned to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, where no further action was taken.

Cross File: HB 22 (Delegate Krimm) - Health and Government Operations.

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