HOUSE BILL 1220

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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

General Assembly – Use of Force – Required Training Program

FOR the purpose of requiring each Senator and Delegate to attend a certain training program on use of force; establishing certain requirements for the training program; requiring the Maryland Police Standards and Training Commission to maintain on its website a certain list of legislators, including whether each legislator has completed the required training program; and generally relating to a use of force training program for members of the General Assembly.

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 2–109
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Government

2–109.

(A) At least once during the first 2 years of each elected or appointed term of office, each Senator and Delegate shall attend a training program on law enforcement officer use of force.

(b) The training program required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
(1) be conducted by a State or local law enforcement office in the State;

(2) include hands-on, virtual reality simulation on use of force; and

(3) be at least 2 hours in length.

(c) The Maryland Police Standards and Training Commission shall maintain on its website a list of legislators, including whether each legislator has completed the training program required under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.