

PEACE OFFICER SITUATIONAL TRAINING

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Francis D. Gibson

Senate Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Code regarding the functions of the state attorney general.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ authorizes the attorney general to establish a training center and provide resources regarding law enforcement use of force;

▶ provides that the attorney general will make available statewide training and informational materials regarding the use of force by law enforcement officers; and

▶ authorizes the attorney general to employ the necessary staff for the training center.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

67-5-34, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **67-5-34** is enacted to read:

67-5-34. Lawful use of force -- Training program.



28 (1) (a) The attorney general is authorized to administer and coordinate the provision of
29 legal and practical training for law enforcement officers in the state regarding the constitutional
30 and lawful use of force, including:

31 (i) best practices in reducing law enforcement officer use of force; and
32 (ii) legal foundations and limitations on law enforcement officer authority under
33 Section 76-2-404, the Utah Constitution or laws of the state, and the United States Constitution
34 or laws of the United States.

35 (b) Under Subsection (1)(a), the attorney general may create a training center and
36 provide:

37 (i) technology integrating legal training on the use of force by law enforcement
38 officers;

39 (ii) best practices regarding law enforcement officer response to threatening situations;
40 and

41 (iii) law enforcement officer tactical training, including:

42 (A) virtual reality simulator training;

43 (B) investigation of a use of force incident; and

44 (C) legal documentation of use of force.

45 (2) (a) The attorney general shall make available statewide legal and practical training
46 for law enforcement officers in the state and informational materials regarding law enforcement
47 officer use of force and related subjects.

48 (b) The training and informational materials shall include programs and information
49 specifically designed to address:

50 (i) pre-escalation recognition of potential resistance and law enforcement officer
51 response options that do not involve force;

52 (ii) decision-making skills regarding use of force;

53 (iii) management of law enforcement officer stress during threatening situations;

54 (iv) tactical disengagement;

55 (v) sanctity and preservation of life;

56 (vi) investigating and critiquing a law enforcement officer incident of use of force; and

57 (vii) the legal foundations and limitations on law enforcement officer authority under
58 the Utah Constitution or laws of the state and the United States Constitution or laws of the

59 United States.

60 (c) The attorney general shall work with state and local agencies to ensure the most
61 effective use of resources in providing training for law enforcement officers throughout the
62 state.

63 (3) The attorney general may employ staff necessary to implement the training center
64 created under this section.

Legislative Review Note
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