

1 PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AMENDMENTS

2 2021 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero

5 Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

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7 LONG TITLE

8 General Description:

9 This bill requires a portion of a peace officer's annual training to include certain  
10 subjects.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ requires a peace officer's annual training to include training on:
- 14 • mental health and other crisis intervention responses;
  - 15 • arrest control; and
  - 16 • de-escalation training;
- 17 ▶ provides that each law enforcement agency or department shall set standards for  
18 training to be approved by the director or designee; and
- 19 ▶ requires annual reporting of the hours to the division.

20 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

21 None

22 Other Special Clauses:

23 None

24 Utah Code Sections Affected:

25 AMENDS:

26 [53-6-202](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Fifth Special Session, Chapter 6

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

29 Section 1. Section **53-6-202** is amended to read:

30           **53-6-202. Basic training course -- Completion required -- Annual training --**

31 **Prohibition from exercising powers -- Reinstatement.**

32           (1) (a) The director shall:

33                 (i) (A) suggest and prepare subject material; and

34                 (B) schedule instructors for basic training courses; or

35                 (ii) review the material and instructor choices submitted by a certified academy.

36           (b) The subject material, instructors, and schedules shall be approved or disapproved  
37 by a majority vote of the council.

38           (2) The materials shall be reviewed and approved by the council on or before July 1st  
39 of each year and may from time to time be changed or amended by majority vote of the council.

40           (3) The basic training in a certified academy:

41                 (a) shall be appropriate for the basic training of peace officers in the techniques of law  
42 enforcement in the discretion of the director; and

43                 (b) may not include the use of chokeholds, carotid restraints, or any act that impedes  
44 the breathing or circulation of blood likely to produce a loss of consciousness, as a valid  
45 method of restraint.

46           (4) (a) All peace officers must satisfactorily complete the basic training course or the  
47 waiver process provided for in this chapter as well as annual certified training of not less than  
48 40 hours as the director, with the advice and consent of the council, directs.

49                 (b) A peace officer who fails to satisfactorily complete the annual training shall  
50 automatically be prohibited from exercising peace officer powers until any deficiency is made  
51 up.

52                 (c) (i) The annual training shall include no less than 16 hours of training focused on  
53 mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest control, and de-escalation training.

54                 (ii) Standards for the training shall be determined by each law enforcement agency or  
55 department and approved by the director or designee.

56                 (iii) Each law enforcement agency or department shall include a breakdown of the 16  
57 hours within the annual audit submitted to the division.

