

PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AMENDMENTS

2021 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Angela Romero

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides an effective date for certain peace officer training.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides an effective date for certain peace officer training; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53-6-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 56 and 275

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

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

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

Prohibition from exercising powers -- Reinstatement.

(1) (a) The director shall:

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



28 (B) schedule instructors for basic training courses; or
29 (ii) review the material and instructor choices submitted by a certified academy.
30 (b) The subject material, instructors, and schedules shall be approved or disapproved
31 by a majority vote of the council.
32 (2) The materials shall be reviewed and approved by the council on or before July 1st
33 of each year and may from time to time be changed or amended by majority vote of the council.
34 (3) The basic training in a certified academy:
35 (a) shall be appropriate for the basic training of peace officers in the techniques of law
36 enforcement in the discretion of the director; and
37 (b) may not include the use of chokeholds, carotid restraints, or any act that impedes
38 the breathing or circulation of blood likely to produce a loss of consciousness, as a valid
39 method of restraint.
40 (4) (a) All peace officers shall satisfactorily complete the basic training course or the
41 waiver process provided for in this chapter as well as annual certified training of not less than
42 40 hours as the director, with the advice and consent of the council, directs.
43 (b) A peace officer who fails to satisfactorily complete the annual training shall
44 automatically be prohibited from exercising peace officer powers until any deficiency is made
45 up.
46 (c) (i) [~~The~~] Beginning July 1, 2021, the annual training shall include no less than 16
47 hours of training focused on mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest
48 control, and de-escalation training.
49 (ii) Standards for the training shall be determined by each law enforcement agency or
50 department and approved by the director or designee.
51 (iii) Each law enforcement agency or department shall include a breakdown of the 16
52 hours within the annual audit submitted to the division.
53 (5) [~~The~~] Beginning July 1, 2021, the director shall ensure that annual training covers
54 intervention responses for mental illnesses, autism spectrum disorder, and other neurological
55 and developmental disorders.
56 Section 2. **Effective date.**
57 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
58 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah

59 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
60 the date of veto override.