

**Representative Anthony E. Loubet** proposes the following substitute bill:

**PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Anthony E. Loubet**

Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the training requirements of peace officers.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the annual training requirements for peace officers;
- ▶ requires certain peace officer trainings currently required to be completed annually to be completed in a three year cycle; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**53-6-202**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 158, 445

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

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



26           **53-6-202. Basic training course -- Completion required -- Annual training --**  
27 **Prohibition from exercising powers -- Reinstatement.**

28           (1) (a) The director shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39           (b) may not include the use of chokeholds, carotid restraints, or any act that impedes  
40 the breathing or circulation of blood likely to produce a loss of consciousness, as a valid  
41 method of restraint~~[-]; and~~

42           (c) shall include instruction on identifying, responding to, and reporting a criminal  
43 offense that is motivated by a personal attribute as that term is defined in Section [76-3-203.14](#).

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

47           (b) A peace officer who fails to satisfactorily complete the annual training described in  
48 Subsection (4)(a) shall automatically be prohibited from exercising peace officer powers until  
49 any deficiency is made up.

50           (c) The annual training described in Subsection (4)(a) shall include training focused on  
51 arrest control and de-escalation training.

52           ~~[(c) (i) Beginning July 1, 2021, the annual training shall include no less than 16 hours~~  
53 ~~of training focused on mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest control, and~~  
54 ~~de-escalation training.]~~

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

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

59 (5) (a) Beginning July 1, 2024, all peace officers who are currently employed shall  
60 participate in a training at least every three years focused on the following:

61 (i) mental health and other crisis intervention responses;

62 (ii) intervention responses for mental illnesses, autism spectrum disorder, and other  
63 neurological and developmental disorders; and

64 (iii) responses to sexual traumas and investigations of sexual assault and sexual abuse  
65 in accordance with Section [53-10-908](#).

66 (b) Any training in which a peace officer participates as described in Subsection (5)(a)  
67 shall count toward the peace officer's 40-hour required annual training described in Subsection  
68 (4)(a) for the year in which the peace officer participated in the training.

69 (6) (a) The director or the director's designee, in coordination with the council, shall  
70 promulgate the standards for the trainings described in Subsection (4).

71 (b) The chief law enforcement officer or executive officer of the peace officer's  
72 employing agency shall determine if a peace officer has complied with the standards  
73 established under Subsection (6)(a).

74 ~~[(5) Beginning July 1, 2021, the director shall ensure that annual training covers~~  
75 ~~intervention responses for mental illnesses, autism spectrum disorder, and other neurological~~  
76 ~~and developmental disorders.]~~

77 ~~[(6) Beginning July 1, 2023, the director shall ensure that annual training covers at~~  
78 ~~least one hour of training on responses to sexual traumas and investigations of sexual assault~~  
79 ~~and sexual abuse in accordance with Section [53-10-908](#).]~~

80 ~~[(7) Beginning July 1, 2023, the director shall, subject to approval by a majority vote of~~  
81 ~~the council, ensure that the basic training curriculum covers instruction on identifying,~~  
82 ~~responding to, and reporting a criminal offense that is motivated by a personal attribute, as that~~  
83 ~~term is defined in Section [76-3-203.14](#), victim targeting penalty enhancement.]~~

84 **Section 2. Effective date.**

85 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.