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SENATE BILL DRS45296-MS-22 (01/11)

Short Title: Increase De-Escalation Training for LEOs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick, Daniel, and Britt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MANDATORY SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN DE-ESCALATION  
3 TECHNIQUES FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN ORDER TO  
4 PROMOTE PEACEFUL INTERACTIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
5 PRIVATE CITIZENS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 17C-6(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Chapter, the  
9 Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and  
10 regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

11 (1) Promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this Chapter,  
12 which rules may require (i) the submission by any criminal justice agency of  
13 information with respect to the employment, education, retention, and  
14 training of its criminal justice officers, and (ii) the submission by any  
15 criminal justice training school of information with respect to its criminal  
16 justice training programs that are required by this Chapter.

17 (2) Establish minimum educational and training standards that must be met in  
18 order to qualify for entry level employment and retention as a criminal  
19 justice officer in temporary or probationary status or in a permanent position.  
20 The standards for entry level employment shall include education and  
21 training in response to, and investigation of, domestic violence cases, crisis  
22 intervention training, de-escalation training, as well as training in  
23 investigation for evidence-based prosecutions. For the purposes of this  
24 section, crisis intervention training is designed to help officers interact with  
25 people suffering with mental illness and successfully de-escalate crisis  
26 situations. For the purposes of this section, de-escalation training is  
27 specialized training in various techniques to diffuse a potentially dangerous  
28 or threatening situation in efforts to prevent harm to a citizen or an officer  
29 and achieve a successful outcome.

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31 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 17E-4(a) reads as rewritten:

32 "(a) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities,  
33 which are enforceable through its rules and regulations, certification procedures, or the  
34 provisions of G.S. 17E-8 and G.S. 17E-9:

35 (1) Promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this Chapter,  
36 which rules may require (i) the submission by any agency of information



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1 with respect to the employment, education, and training of its justice  
2 officers, and (ii) the submission by any training school of information with  
3 respect to its programs that are required by this Chapter;  
4 (2) Establish minimum educational and training standards that may be met in  
5 order to qualify for entry level employment as an officer in temporary or  
6 probationary status or in a permanent position. The standards for entry level  
7 employment of officers shall include training in response to, and  
8 investigation of, domestic violence cases, crisis intervention training,  
9 de-escalation training, as well as training in investigation for evidence-based  
10 prosecutions. For purposes of the domestic violence training requirement,  
11 the term "officers" shall include justice officers as defined in  
12 G.S. 17E-2(3)a., except that the term shall not include "special deputy  
13 sheriffs" as defined in G.S. 17E-2(3)a. For the purposes of this section, crisis  
14 intervention training is designed to help officers interact with people  
15 suffering with mental illness and successfully de-escalate crisis situations.  
16 For the purposes of this section, de-escalation training is specialized training  
17 in various techniques to diffuse a potentially dangerous or threatening  
18 situation in efforts to prevent harm to a citizen or an officer and achieve a  
19 successful outcome.  
20 ...."  
21 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.