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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53
2 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, in selection, retention and removal of judicial
4 officers, further providing for content of course of
5 instruction and examination; and, in municipal police
6 education and training, further providing for powers and
7 duties of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and
8 Training Commission.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 3113(b) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
12 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

13 § 3113. Content of course of instruction and examination.

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15 (b) Content of course.--The course of training and
16 instruction shall not exceed four weeks in duration and shall
17 consist of a minimum of 40 hours of class instruction in civil
18 and criminal law, including evidence and procedure, summary
19 proceedings, motor vehicles, the identification and reporting of
20 suspected child abuse as defined in 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating

1 to child protective services), court proceedings involving
2 children and courses in judicial ethics, in the case of all such
3 officials except arraignment court magistrates, in which case
4 the course of training shall consist of a minimum of 30 hours of
5 class instruction in criminal law, search and seizure, arrest
6 and bail practices and procedures, and except judges of the
7 Traffic Court of Philadelphia, in which case the course of
8 training shall consist of a minimum of 20 hours of class
9 instruction in summary proceedings and laws relating to motor
10 vehicles.

11 Section 2. Section 2164 of Title 53 is amended by adding a
12 paragraph to read:

13 § 2164. Powers and duties of commission.

14 The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

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16 (17) To train police officers with respect to:

17 (i) Recognizing child abuse.

18 (ii) The provisions regarding reporting suspected
19 child abuse under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to child
20 protective services).

21 (iii) The efficacy of conducting forensic
22 interviewing of victims of child abuse within the setting
23 of a children's advocacy center.

24 As used in this paragraph, the terms "child abuse" and
25 "children's advocacy center" shall have the meanings given in
26 23 Pa.C.S. § 6303 (relating to definitions).

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.