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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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7 Officers' Education and Training Commission.

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

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

12 § 3113. Content of course of instruction and examination.

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14 (b) Content of course.--The course of training and
15 instruction shall not exceed four weeks in duration and shall
16 consist of a minimum of 40 hours of class instruction in civil
17 and criminal law, including evidence and procedure, summary
18 proceedings, motor vehicles, the identification of mental health
19 conditions and the availability of diversionary options for
20 individuals suffering from mental health conditions and courses

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

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

11 § 2164. Powers and duties of commission.

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

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14 (1.1) To provide annual training for police officers
15 with respect to:

16 (i) Recognition of mental health conditions.

17 (ii) Proper techniques to utilize when interacting
18 with an individual suffering from a mental health episode
19 or break.

20 (iii) Instruction on alternative services or
21 diversionary options available to individuals suffering
22 from a mental health condition.

23 All police officers shall receive at least four hours of
24 annual training under this paragraph.

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