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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 18, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 53
2 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, in selection and retention of judicial officers,
4 further providing for content of course of instruction and
5 examination; and, in municipal police education and training,
6 further providing for powers and duties of Municipal Police
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 intellectual disabilities and the availability of

1 diversionary options for individuals suffering from mental  
2 health conditions or intellectual disabilities and courses in  
3 judicial ethics, in the case of all such officials except  
4 arraignment court magistrates, in which case the course of  
5 training shall consist of a minimum of 30 hours of class  
6 instruction in criminal law, search and seizure, arrest and bail  
7 practices and procedures, and except judges of the Traffic Court  
8 of Philadelphia, in which case the course of training shall  
9 consist of a minimum of 20 hours of class instruction in summary  
10 proceedings and laws relating to motor 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 (1.1) To provide annual training for police officers  
17 with respect to:

18 (i) Recognition of mental health conditions and  
19 intellectual disabilities.

20 (ii) Proper techniques to interact WITH and de- <--  
21 escalate individuals suffering from mental health  
22 episodes or episodes stemming from intellectual  
23 disabilities.

24 (iii) Instruction on alternative services or  
25 diversionary options available to individuals suffering  
26 from mental health conditions or intellectual  
27 disabilities.

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