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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Introduced By: Representative John J.Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 08, 2015

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-28.2 of the General Laws entitled "Police Officers -  
2 Commission on Standards and Training" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following  
3 section:

4 **42-28.2-8.3. Educational requirements -- Crisis intervention training. -- (a) The**  
5 **commission on standards and training shall prepare and publish clearly defined standards for**  
6 **competency related to emergency certification and protocols for police officers responding to,**  
7 **handling, investigating, and reporting all incidents involving any person requiring a higher level**  
8 **of mental health literacy. The commission shall include this universal police training and**  
9 **certification in the Mental Health First Aid USA curriculum for recruits and annually at every**  
10 **police department in the state, with an annual commitment to increasing the number of officers**  
11 **trained.**

12 **(b) The commission shall appoint at least one member from the mental health advocacy**  
13 **community to sit in an advisory capacity for this and any related mental health issues.**

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require for Police Officer Commission on Standards and Training to  
2           establish mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees in all incidents involving  
3           mental health literacy.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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