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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, O'Ban, Frockt, Darneille, Keiser, McCoy, Kohl-Welles, Hasegawa, and Jayapal)

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring crisis intervention training for
2 peace officers; adding a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.101
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission shall provide crisis intervention training to
8 every new full-time law enforcement officer employed after July 1,
9 2017, by a general authority Washington law enforcement agency. The
10 training shall consist of not less than eight hours and shall be
11 incorporated into the basic training academy as provided in RCW
12 43.101.200.

13 (2) The commission must ensure that:

14 (a) All full-time, general authority Washington peace officers
15 who are certified after July 1, 2017, complete a two-hour online
16 crisis intervention course as part of the annual training required by
17 the commission for all full-time, general authority Washington peace
18 officers employed by a general authority Washington law enforcement
19 agency.

20 (b) Each full-time general authority Washington peace officer
21 certified before July 1, 2017, receives crisis intervention training

1 by July 1, 2021. The training shall consist of not less than eight
2 hours and shall be substantially similar in hours and content to the
3 training offered through the basic training academy. Each attendee of
4 the program shall be required to obtain written proof of completion
5 of the program as provided by rules of the commission.

6 (3) The commission shall make efforts to provide enhanced crisis
7 intervention training for at least twenty-five percent of all full-
8 time, general authority Washington peace officers assigned to patrol
9 duties. The enhanced training may be (a) comprised of forty hours of
10 commission-certified training and (b) accomplished within any funds
11 remaining after appropriation is made for purposes of this section.

12 (4) By July 1, 2017, the commission shall establish by rule:

13 (a) A program and standards to certify organizations, other than
14 the commission, that may provide crisis intervention training as
15 required under this section. Certified organizations must use a
16 commission-certified training or curriculum to facilitate the
17 training. The commission shall consider geographic training needs
18 when considering programs and standards. The commission shall provide
19 grants to general authority Washington law enforcement agencies to
20 reimburse those law enforcement agencies for the cost of sending
21 officers to crisis intervention training;

22 (b) Standards for successful completion of the annual two hours
23 of crisis intervention training as provided in subsection (2) of this
24 section. The standards shall include, at a minimum, the requirement
25 of successful completion of a written exam.

26 (5) For the purposes of this section, "crisis intervention
27 training" means training designed to provide tools and resources to
28 full-time, general authority Washington peace officers in order to
29 respond effectively to individuals who may be experiencing an
30 emotional, mental, physical, behavioral, or chemical dependency
31 crisis, distress, or problem and that are designed to increase the
32 safety of both law enforcement and individuals in crisis.

33 (6) This section is subject to the availability of amounts
34 appropriated for this specific purpose.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the
36 Douglas M. Ostling act.

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