

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5473**

Chapter 270, Laws of 2003

58th Legislature  
2003 Regular Session

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS--TRAINING

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/03

Passed by the Senate April 21, 2003  
YEAS 44 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 9, 2003  
YEAS 92 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved May 14, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,  
Secretary of the Senate of the  
State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5473** as  
passed by the Senate and the House  
of Representatives on the dates  
hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

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**Secretary**

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May 14, 2003 - 2:45 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, B. Sheldon, Johnson, Kohl-Welles, Winsley and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to providing law enforcement officers with training  
2 in interaction with persons with a developmental disability or mental  
3 illness; and adding a new section to chapter 43.101 RCW.

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 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The commission must offer a training session on law enforcement  
8 interaction with persons with a developmental disability or mental  
9 illness. The training must be developed by the commission in  
10 consultation with appropriate self advocate and family advocate groups  
11 and with appropriate community, local, and state organizations and  
12 agencies that have expertise in the area of working with persons with  
13 a developmental disability or mental illness. In developing the  
14 course, the commission must also examine existing courses certified by  
15 the commission that relate to persons with a developmental disability  
16 or mental illness.

17            (2) The training must consist of classroom instruction or internet  
18 instruction and shall replicate likely field situations to the maximum

1 extent possible. The training should include, at a minimum, core  
2 instruction in all of the following:

3 (a) The cause and nature of mental illnesses and developmental  
4 disabilities;

5 (b) How to identify indicators of mental illness and developmental  
6 disability and how to respond appropriately in a variety of common  
7 situations;

8 (c) Conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques for  
9 potentially dangerous situations involving persons with a developmental  
10 disability or mental illness;

11 (d) Appropriate language usage when interacting with persons with  
12 a developmental disability or mental illness;

13 (e) Alternatives to lethal force when interacting with potentially  
14 dangerous persons with a developmental disability or mental illness;  
15 and

16 (f) Community and state resources available to serve persons with  
17 a developmental disability or mental illness and how these resources  
18 can be best used by law enforcement to benefit persons with a  
19 developmental disability or mental illness in their communities.

20 (3) The training shall be made available to law enforcement  
21 agencies, through electronic means, for use at their convenience and  
22 determined by the internal training needs and resources of each agency.

23 (4) The commission shall make all reasonable efforts to secure  
24 private and nonstate public funds to implement this section.

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