

5473-S

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

Brief Description: Requiring the criminal justice training commission to train officers on interacting with developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons. Revised for 1st Substitute: Requiring the criminal justice training commission to train officers on interacting with persons with a developmental disability or mental illness.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the criminal justice training commission to train officers on interacting with developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons.

Requires the commission to offer a training session on law enforcement interaction with persons with a developmental disability or mental illness. The training must be developed by the commission in consultation with appropriate self advocate and family advocate groups and with appropriate community, local, and state organizations and agencies that have expertise in the area of working with persons with a developmental disability or mental illness. In developing the course, the commission must also examine existing courses certified by the commission that relate to persons with a developmental disability or mental illness.

Provides that the training must consist of classroom instruction or internet instruction and shall replicate likely field situations to the maximum extent possible.

Provides that the training shall be made available to law enforcement agencies, through electronic means, for use at their convenience and determined by the internal training needs and resources of each agency.

Directs the commission to make all reasonable efforts to secure private and nonstate public funds to implement this act.