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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1559**

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**State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2013 Regular Session**

**By** House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives  
Appleton and Santos)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/13.

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

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) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall provide crisis  
8 intervention training to every new full-time law enforcement officer  
9 employed after July 1, 2015, by a state, county, or municipal law  
10 enforcement agency. The training shall consist of not less than eight  
11 hours and shall be incorporated into the basic training academy as  
12 provided in RCW 43.101.200.

13            (2) Subject to appropriation, the commission must ensure that:

14            (a) Each full-time law enforcement officer certified before July 1,  
15 2015, and employed by a state, county, or municipal law enforcement  
16 agency is provided with the opportunity for crisis intervention  
17 training by July 1, 2017. The training shall consist of not less than  
18 eight hours and shall be substantially similar in hours and content to

1 the training offered through the basic training academy. Each attendee  
2 of the program shall be required to obtain written proof of completion  
3 of the program as provided by rules of the commission;

4 (b) All full-time law enforcement officers who are certified after  
5 July 1, 2015, complete two hours of annual crisis intervention  
6 retraining that shall be incorporated into the annual training required  
7 by the commission for all certified officers.

8 (3) The commission shall establish by rule:

9 (a) A program and standards to certify organizations, other than  
10 the commission, that may provide crisis intervention training as  
11 required under this section. The commission shall consider geographic  
12 training needs when considering programs and standards. The commission  
13 shall consider providing grants to law enforcement agencies with fewer  
14 than three hundred commissioned officers to assist with costs of  
15 sending officers to crisis intervention training;

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

20 (4) For the purposes of this section, "crisis intervention  
21 training" means training designed to provide tools and resources to law  
22 enforcement officers in order to respond effectively to individuals who  
23 may be experiencing an emotional, mental, physical, behavioral, or  
24 chemical dependency crisis, distress, or problem and that are designed  
25 to increase the safety of both law enforcement and individuals in  
26 crisis.

27 (5) Subject to appropriation, the commission shall develop a  
28 program to make available crisis intervention training to twenty-five  
29 percent of currently certified law enforcement officers, assigned to  
30 patrol duties no later than December 1, 2017. The training shall be  
31 comprised of forty hours of commission-certified training. Any  
32 appropriated funds shall be used to train personnel who will implement  
33 the training on a geographically diverse basis.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or  
35 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal

1 year ending June 30, 2014, from the general fund to the criminal  
2 justice training commission for the purposes of this act.

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