

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 439

BY SENATOR MIZELL

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Requires in-person trauma-informed training for law enforcement officers. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2405.8(J), relative to peace officer training requirements; to require
3 trauma- informed training; to provide for exclusions; to provide for terms and
4 conditions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:2405.8(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2405.8. Additional peace officer training requirements

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9 J.(1) The council shall develop and continuously update trauma-
10 informed training materials related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex
11 trafficking in its basic and in-service training curriculums.

12 (2) For the purposes of this Subsection, trauma-informed materials shall
13 include skills, practices, and leadership relating only to domestic violence,
14 sexual assault, and sex trafficking.

15 (3) The initial orientation to sex trafficking trauma-informed training
16 shall be classroom instruction, and shall be conducted at a P.O.S.T. accredited
17 academy or a P.O.S.T. approved training center. The council may designate an

1 alternative method for delivery of the training when otherwise not logistically
 2 feasible.

3 (4) All peace officers employed on August 1, 2024, who have been
 4 employed for one year or more, shall complete the training within one year after
 5 the curriculum has been developed and approved by the council.

6 (5) The trauma-informed training and materials required by this
 7 Subsection shall not include materials relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion
 8 practices or policies.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

SB 439 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T. or council) to develop and continuously update trauma-informed training materials related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking in its basic and in-service training curriculums.

Proposed law provides that trauma-informed materials include skills, practices, and leadership only to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.

Proposed law requires the initial orientation to sex trafficking trauma-informed training be classroom instruction, and be conducted at a P.O.S.T. accredited academy or a P.O.S.T. approved training center. Proposed law authorizes the council to designate an alternative method for delivery of the training when otherwise not logistically feasible.

Proposed law requires all peace officers employed on August 1, 2024, who have been employed for one year or more, to complete the training within one year after the curriculum has been developed and approved by the council.

Proposed law requires that trauma-informed training materials be prohibited from including materials relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion practices or policies.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 40:2405.8(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds requirement that trauma-informed training materials be related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.
2. Adds specification that trauma-informed materials include skills, practices, and leadership relating only to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.
3. Adds requirement that the initial orientation to trauma-informed classroom training be related to sex trafficking.
4. Adds requirement that trauma-informed training materials be prohibited from including materials relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion practices or policies.