

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 474

2018 Regular Session

Smith

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Requires additional training for peace officers

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Clarifies the communication training plan shall incorporate officer techniques for face-to-face communications with hard of hearing or deaf persons.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires the P.O.S.T. Council to create mandatory training for all peace officers to complete. The council is responsible for keeping track of the officers that attend or complete the training.

Proposed law requires the council to create additional training for domestic violence, and provides for a series of training modules. Requires completion of this additional training by peace offices on or after July 1, 2018. Additionally, proposed law requires that the council work with the deaf community to develop a communication training plan which shall incorporate officer techniques for face-to-face communications with hard of hearing or deaf persons. Peace officers are required to complete this training program on or after Jan. 1, 2019. Requires the council to utilize communication cards from a nongovernmental agency that specializes in working with deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

(Amends R.S. 40:2405.8(E); Adds R.S. 40:2405.8(F) and (G))