

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2404.2 and to repeal R.S. 40:2405.5, relative to peace officers; to provide
3 for training of peace officers; to provide for minimum training requirements; to
4 provide for annual training; to provide for certain mandatory basic and annual
5 certification hours for peace officers; to provide for an emergency effective date; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:2404.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2404.2. Minimum training requirements; basic curriculum; annual training

10 A. In addition to all training requirements provided for in this Chapter, in
11 order to be certified as a level one basic law enforcement peace officer, all persons
12 shall successfully complete a minimum of four hundred hours of core curriculum for
13 basic peace officers as prescribed by the council.

14 B. All full-time, part-time, or reserve peace officers shall successfully
15 complete a minimum of twenty hours of in-service training requirements prescribed
16 by the council on an annual basis. All initial training requirements must be
17 completed within the first calendar year after receiving P.O.S.T. certification and
18 annually thereafter.

19 C. No later than January 1, 2018, the council shall develop and implement
20 curriculum for de-escalation, bias policing recognition, sudden in-custody death, and
21 crisis intervention training, which shall include training for law enforcement
22 interaction with persons with mental illness and persons with developmental
23 disabilities, for peace officers that consists of classroom or internet instruction, or
24 both.

1 Section 2. R.S. 40:2405.5 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

2 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
3 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
4 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
5 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
6 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____