

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 474

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Smith

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Requires additional training for peace officers**

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DIGEST

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 an additional training module for domestic violence. Additionally, proposed law requires that the council work with the deaf community to develop a communication training plan that incorporates officer techniques for face-to-face communications with hard of hearing or deaf persons. Peace officers are required to complete an interactive training module on and 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Require the council to work with the community to create a communication training plan that uses face-to-face techniques.
2. Require peace officers to complete the communication training on and after Jan. 1, 2019.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Clarify that the communication training plan shall use face-to-face techniques with limited use of pre-recorded videos.
2. Make technical amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill

1. Changes a requirement of the communication training plan from it must use face-to-face techniques with limited use of pre-recorded videos to the plan must incorporate officer techniques for face-to-face communications with hard of hearing or deaf individuals.
2. Changes the training requirement for peace officers from all peace officers must complete a training program on and after Jan. 1, 2019 to all peace officers must complete an interactive training module on and after Jan. 1, 2019.