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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, O'Ban, Frockt, Darneille, Keiser, McCoy, Kohl-Welles, Hasegawa, and Jayapal)

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

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
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The commission shall provide crisis intervention training to
8 every new full-time law enforcement officer employed after July 1,
9 2017, by a general authority Washington law enforcement agency. The
10 training shall consist of not less than eight hours and shall be
11 incorporated into the basic training academy as provided in RCW
12 43.101.200.

13 (2) The commission must ensure that:

14 (a) All full-time, general authority Washington peace officers
15 who are certified after July 1, 2017, complete a two-hour online
16 crisis intervention course as part of the annual training required by
17 the commission for all full-time, general authority Washington peace
18 officers employed by a general authority Washington law enforcement
19 agency.

20 (b) Each full-time general authority Washington peace officer
21 certified before July 1, 2017, receives crisis intervention training

1 by July 1, 2019. The training shall consist of not less than eight
2 hours and shall be substantially similar in hours and content to the
3 training offered through the basic training academy. Each attendee of
4 the program shall be required to obtain written proof of completion
5 of the program as provided by rules of the commission.

6 (3) The commission shall aim for at least twenty-five percent of
7 all full-time, general authority Washington peace officers assigned
8 to patrol duties to have received enhanced crisis intervention
9 training by December 1, 2019. The training shall be comprised of
10 forty hours of commission-certified training.

11 (4) By July 1, 2017, the commission shall establish by rule:

12 (a) A program and standards to certify organizations, other than
13 the commission, that may provide crisis intervention training as
14 required under this section. Certified organizations must use a
15 commission-certified training or curriculum to facilitate the
16 training. The commission shall consider geographic training needs
17 when considering programs and standards. The commission shall provide
18 grants to general authority Washington law enforcement agencies to
19 reimburse those law enforcement agencies for the cost of sending
20 officers to crisis intervention training;

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

25 (5) For the purposes of this section, "crisis intervention
26 training" means training designed to provide tools and resources to
27 full-time, general authority Washington peace officers in order to
28 respond effectively to individuals who may be experiencing an
29 emotional, mental, physical, behavioral, or chemical dependency
30 crisis, distress, or problem and that are designed to increase the
31 safety of both law enforcement and individuals in crisis.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of
33 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
34 provided by June 30, 2015, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
35 act is null and void.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the
2 Douglas M. Ostling act.

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