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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1218

April 11, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives MADISON, HAYWOOD, HONG and CLANCY, cosponsored by Senators LARSON and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 66.0511 (title); and **to create** 66.0511 (4), 165.85 (2) (h), 165.85
2 (4) (a) 9. and 165.85 (5) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:** warrior-style training
3 of law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill prohibits certain governmental activities related to “warrior-style training.” “Warrior-style training” is defined as “training for law enforcement officers that dehumanizes people or encourages aggressive conduct by law enforcement officers during encounters with others in a manner that de-emphasizes the value of human life or constitutional rights, the result of which increases an officer’s likelihood or willingness to use deadly force.”

The bill prohibits 1) law enforcement agencies from providing or arranging for warrior-style training of law enforcement officers, 2) law enforcement agencies or state agencies from reimbursing law enforcement officers or collective bargaining units that include law enforcement officers for any expenditures made to provide or arrange for warrior-style training, and 3) law enforcement agencies or state agencies from contracting for services with organizations that provide warrior-style training of law enforcement officers.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

ASSEMBLY BILL 1218**SECTION 1**

1 **SECTION 1.** 66.0511 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **66.0511** (title) **Law enforcement agency policies on use of force and**
3 **citizen complaint procedures agencies.**

4 **SECTION 2.** 66.0511 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

5 66.0511 (4) WARRIOR-STYLE TRAINING. (a) In this subsection:

6 1. “State agency” means an association, authority, board, department,
7 commission, independent agency, institution, office, society, or other body in state
8 government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law,
9 including the legislature and the courts.

10 2. “Warrior-style training” means training for law enforcement officers that
11 dehumanizes people or encourages aggressive conduct by law enforcement officers
12 during encounters with others in a manner that de-emphasizes the value of human
13 life or constitutional rights, the result of which increases an officer’s likelihood or
14 willingness to use deadly force.

15 (b) 1. A law enforcement agency may not provide or arrange for warrior-style
16 training of law enforcement officers.

17 2. A law enforcement agency or the law enforcement standards board or any
18 other state agency may not reimburse a law enforcement officer or a collective
19 bargaining unit that includes law enforcement officers for any expenditures made
20 to provide or arrange for warrior-style training of law enforcement officers.

21 3. Notwithstanding s. 66.0901 (1m), a law enforcement agency or the law
22 enforcement standards board or any other state agency may not contract for services
23 with an organization that provides warrior-style training of law enforcement
24 officers.

25 4. This subsection does not prohibit any of the following:

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1 a. A law enforcement agency from providing or arranging for training of law
2 enforcement officers in aikido.

3 b. A law enforcement agency or a state agency from reimbursing a law
4 enforcement officer or a collective bargaining unit for training law enforcement
5 officers in aikido.

6 **SECTION 3.** 165.85 (2) (h) of the statutes is created to read:

7 165.85 (2) (h) "Warrior-style training" has the meaning given in s. 66.0511 (4)
8 (a) 2.

9 **SECTION 4.** 165.85 (4) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:

10 165.85 (4) (a) 9. The board may not provide certification or recertification credit
11 to a law enforcement officer for training received in a course involving warrior-style
12 training. This subdivision does not prohibit the board from providing credit for a
13 course consisting entirely of aikido training.

14 **SECTION 5.** 165.85 (5) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

15 165.85 (5) (e) The board may not reimburse expenses under this subsection to
16 a law enforcement officer, state agency, as defined in s. 66.0511 (4) (a) 1., or political
17 subdivision for a course involving warrior-style training. This paragraph does not
18 prohibit the board from reimbursing expenses for a course consisting entirely of
19 aikido training.

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