2017 SENATE BILL 544


AN ACT to create 20.455 (2) (aq) and 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. of the statutes; relating to: law enforcement training on use-of-force options and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires each law enforcement officer to annually complete at least eight hours of training on use-of-force options and techniques a law enforcement officer may use to de-escalate a potentially unstable situation. This bill also provides $250,000 in each fiscal year in the 2017–19 fiscal biennium for the Department of Justice to reimburse law enforcement agencies for costs of the training.

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:

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
20.455 Justice, department of

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Use-of-force options training GPR A 250,000 250,000

SECTION 2. 20.455 (2) (aq) of the statutes is created to read:

20.455 (2) (aq) Use-of-force options training. The amounts in the schedule to reimburse law enforcement agencies for training costs under s. 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d.

SECTION 3. 165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. of the statutes is created to read:

165.85 (4) (a) 7. d. Each officer who is subject to this subdivision shall annually complete at least 8 hours of scenario-based training on use-of-force options, focusing on skills and tactics that minimize the likelihood of using force, including de-escalation tactics. In this subd. 7. d., “de-escalation tactics” are actions and techniques used by law enforcement officers to slow down or stabilize a potentially unstable situation to allow for more time, options, and resources for resolution or prevention of an incident. Hours of training completed under this subd. 7. d. shall count toward the hours of training required under subd. 7. a.

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