2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 452

July 12, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives BOWEN, BROSTOFF, HONG, ANDERSON, BALDEH, CONLEY, EMERSON, HEBL, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, POPE, SINICKI and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR, LARSON and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 AN ACT to amend 66.0511 (title); and to create 66.0511 (4) of the statutes; relating to: warrior-style training 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:
SECTION 1. 66.0511 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

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

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

66.0511 (4) WARRIOR-STYLE TRAINING. (a) In this subsection:
1. “State agency” means an association, authority, board, department, commission, independent agency, institution, office, society, or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts.

2. “Warrior-style training” means 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.

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

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

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

SECTION 3. 165.85 (2) (h) of the statutes is created to read:
1 165.85 (2) (h) “Warrior-style training” has the meaning given in s. 66.0511 (4)
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4 SECTION 4. 165.85 (4) (a) 9. of the statutes is created to read:
5 165.85 (4) (a) 9. The law enforcement standards board may not provide
6 certification or recertification credit to a law enforcement officer for training received
7 in a course involving warrior-style training.
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9 SECTION 5. 165.85 (5) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
10 165.85 (5) (e) The law enforcement standards board may not reimburse a law
11 enforcement officer, state agency, or political subdivision expenses under this
12 subsection for a course involving warrior-style training.
13 (END)