

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1013**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia**

February 20, 2025

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An act to amend Section 13515.27 of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1013, as introduced, Garcia. Peace officer training: behavioral health.

Existing law requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to establish and keep updated a classroom-based continuing training course that includes instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training, relating to behavioral health and law enforcement interaction with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and substance use disorders. Existing law requires the commission to make available the course to each law enforcement officer with a rank of supervisor or below and who is assigned to patrol duties or to supervise officers who are assigned to patrol duties.

This bill would authorize the commission to partner with local departments of behavioral health, community-based organizations, or nonprofit organizations to establish and keep updated this classroom-based continuing training course. The bill would require a law enforcement officer with a rank of supervisor or below and who is assigned to patrol duties or to supervise officers who are assigned to patrol duties to complete the course. By imposing additional training costs on local law enforcement agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13515.27 of the Penal Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 13515.27. (a) (1) The commission shall establish and keep  
4 updated a classroom-based continuing training course that includes  
5 instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training,  
6 relating to behavioral health and law enforcement interaction with  
7 persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and substance  
8 use disorders.

9 (2) *The commission may partner with local departments of*  
10 *behavioral health, community-based organizations, or nonprofit*  
11 *organizations to establish and keep updated the classroom-based*  
12 *continuing training course.*

13 (b) This course shall be at least three consecutive hours, may  
14 include training scenarios and facilitated learning activities, shall  
15 address issues related to stigma, shall be culturally relevant and  
16 appropriate, and shall include all of the following topics:

17 (1) The cause and nature of mental illness, intellectual disability,  
18 and substance use disorders.

19 (2) Indicators of mental illness, intellectual disability, and  
20 substance use disorders.

21 (3) Appropriate responses to a variety of situations involving  
22 persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and substance  
23 use disorders.

24 (4) Conflict resolution and deescalation techniques for  
25 potentially dangerous situations.

26 (5) Appropriate language usage when interacting with potentially  
27 emotionally distressed persons.

1 (6) Resources available to serve persons with mental illness or  
2 intellectual disability.

3 (7) The perspective of individuals or families who have  
4 experiences with persons with mental illness, intellectual disability,  
5 and substance use disorders.

6 ~~(c) The course described in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall be~~  
7 ~~made available by the commission to~~ (1) *The commission shall*  
8 *provide the course described in subdivisions (a) and (b) to each*  
9 *law enforcement officer with a rank of supervisor or below and*  
10 *who is assigned to patrol duties or to supervise officers who are*  
11 *assigned to patrol duties.*

12 (2) *A law enforcement officer with a rank of supervisor or below*  
13 *and who is assigned to patrol duties or to supervise officers who*  
14 *are assigned to patrol duties shall complete the course developed*  
15 *pursuant to this section.*

16 (d) The commission shall implement this section on or before  
17 August 1, ~~2016~~, 2026.

18 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
19 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
20 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
21 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
22 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.