

Chapter 644

(House Bill 1279)

AN ACT concerning

Police Training Commission – Training Requirements – Human Trafficking

FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to require that certain entrance–level and in–service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school include certain training relating to the criminal laws concerning human trafficking and the appropriate treatment of victims of human trafficking; ~~authorizing certain training to be conducted in person or online;~~ and generally relating to police training requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(a)(6)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

~~BY adding to
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–207(h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

3–207.

(a) The Commission has the following powers and duties:

(6) to require, for entrance–level police training and at least every 3 years for in–service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include special training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of:

(i) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary procedures;

~~(II) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION, THE CRIMINAL LAWS CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INCLUDING:~~

- ~~1. HOW TO IDENTIFY VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING;~~
- ~~2. THE NECESSITY OF TREATING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS CRIME VICTIMS RATHER THAN CRIMINALS;~~
- ~~3. HOW TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND~~
- ~~4. THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING~~ THE CRIMINAL LAWS CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INCLUDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND THE RIGHTS AND APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS;

~~[(ii)] (III) the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and delinquent acts;~~

~~[(iii)] (IV) the notices, services, support, and rights available to victims and victims' representatives under State law; and~~

~~[(iv)] (V) the notification of victims of identity fraud and related crimes of their rights under federal law;~~

~~(H) A TRAINING COURSE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(6)(II) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON OR ONLINE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.