STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 25, 2022

Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring police officer training programs on interacting with individuals with a disability

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (n) to read as follows:

(n) Establishment and implementation on an ongoing basis, of a training program for all current and new police officers and peace officers regarding how to interact with individuals with a disability as defined in subdivision twenty-one of section two hundred ninety-two of this chapter, with special emphasis on the techniques needed to improve interactions with individuals that are blind or deaf or hard of hearing. The content of such training program shall be created in consultation with the justice center for the protection of people with special needs as established under article twenty of this chapter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation by the municipal police training council necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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