STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JACKSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the mental hygiene law, in relation to training police officers on how to respond to situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 840 of the executive law, as added by section 4 of part JJ of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, written policies and procedures consistent with section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law, regarding the handling of emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. Such policies and procedures shall make provisions for the education and training of new and veteran police officers on the handling of emergency situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities**, including but not limited to training on the appropriate use of force on such individuals, as well as training on appropriate techniques for deescalating encounters with such individuals that is consistent with such individual's safety**; and

§ 2. Subdivision (b) of section 13.43 of the mental hygiene law, as added by section 1 of part JJ of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Such training shall address appropriate response techniques for dealing with both adults and minors with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities**, including but not limited to training on the appropriate use of force on such individuals, as well as training on appropriate techniques for deescalating encounters with such individuals that is consistent with such individual's safety**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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