

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as Sam's Act.

5 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by
6 changing Sections 7 and 10.17 as follows:

7 (50 ILCS 705/7) (from Ch. 85, par. 507)

8 Sec. 7. Rules and standards for schools. The Board shall
9 adopt rules and minimum standards for such schools which shall
10 include but not be limited to the following:

11 a. The curriculum for probationary police officers
12 which shall be offered by all certified schools shall
13 include but not be limited to courses of procedural
14 justice, arrest and use and control tactics, search and
15 seizure, including temporary questioning, civil rights,
16 human rights, human relations, cultural competency,
17 including implicit bias and racial and ethnic sensitivity,
18 criminal law, law of criminal procedure, constitutional
19 and proper use of law enforcement authority, vehicle and
20 traffic law including uniform and non-discriminatory
21 enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code, traffic control
22 and accident investigation, techniques of obtaining

1 physical evidence, court testimonies, statements, reports,
2 firearms training, training in the use of electronic
3 control devices, including the psychological and
4 physiological effects of the use of those devices on
5 humans, first-aid (including cardiopulmonary
6 resuscitation), training in the administration of opioid
7 antagonists as defined in paragraph (1) of subsection (e)
8 of Section 5-23 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and
9 Dependency Act, handling of juvenile offenders,
10 recognition of mental conditions and crises, including,
11 but not limited to, the disease of addiction, which require
12 immediate assistance and response and methods to safeguard
13 and provide assistance to a person in need of mental
14 treatment, recognition of abuse, neglect, financial
15 exploitation, and self-neglect of adults with disabilities
16 and older adults, as defined in Section 2 of the Adult
17 Protective Services Act, crimes against the elderly, law of
18 evidence, the hazards of high-speed police vehicle chases
19 with an emphasis on alternatives to the high-speed chase,
20 and physical training. The curriculum shall include
21 specific training in techniques for immediate response to
22 and investigation of cases of domestic violence and of
23 sexual assault of adults and children, including cultural
24 perceptions and common myths of sexual assault and sexual
25 abuse as well as interview techniques that are trauma
26 informed, victim centered, and victim sensitive. The

1 curriculum shall include training in techniques designed
2 to promote effective communication at the initial contact
3 with crime victims and ways to comprehensively explain to
4 victims and witnesses their rights under the Rights of
5 Crime Victims and Witnesses Act and the Crime Victims
6 Compensation Act. The curriculum shall also include a block
7 of instruction aimed at identifying and interacting with
8 persons with autism and other developmental or physical
9 disabilities, reducing barriers to reporting crimes
10 against persons with autism, and addressing the unique
11 challenges presented by cases involving victims or
12 witnesses with autism and other developmental
13 disabilities. The curriculum for permanent police officers
14 shall include but not be limited to (1) refresher and
15 in-service training in any of the courses listed above in
16 this subparagraph, (2) advanced courses in any of the
17 subjects listed above in this subparagraph, (3) training
18 for supervisory personnel, and (4) specialized training in
19 subjects and fields to be selected by the board. The
20 training in the use of electronic control devices shall be
21 conducted for probationary police officers, including
22 University police officers.

23 b. Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements
24 and equipment requirements.

25 c. Minimum requirements for instructors.

26 d. Minimum basic training requirements, which a

1 probationary police officer must satisfactorily complete
2 before being eligible for permanent employment as a local
3 law enforcement officer for a participating local
4 governmental agency. Those requirements shall include
5 training in first aid (including cardiopulmonary
6 resuscitation).

7 e. Minimum basic training requirements, which a
8 probationary county corrections officer must
9 satisfactorily complete before being eligible for
10 permanent employment as a county corrections officer for a
11 participating local governmental agency.

12 f. Minimum basic training requirements which a
13 probationary court security officer must satisfactorily
14 complete before being eligible for permanent employment as
15 a court security officer for a participating local
16 governmental agency. The Board shall establish those
17 training requirements which it considers appropriate for
18 court security officers and shall certify schools to
19 conduct that training.

20 A person hired to serve as a court security officer
21 must obtain from the Board a certificate (i) attesting to
22 his or her successful completion of the training course;
23 (ii) attesting to his or her satisfactory completion of a
24 training program of similar content and number of hours
25 that has been found acceptable by the Board under the
26 provisions of this Act; or (iii) attesting to the Board's

1 determination that the training course is unnecessary
2 because of the person's extensive prior law enforcement
3 experience.

4 Individuals who currently serve as court security
5 officers shall be deemed qualified to continue to serve in
6 that capacity so long as they are certified as provided by
7 this Act within 24 months of June 1, 1997 (the effective
8 date of Public Act 89-685). Failure to be so certified,
9 absent a waiver from the Board, shall cause the officer to
10 forfeit his or her position.

11 All individuals hired as court security officers on or
12 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1996
13 shall be certified within 12 months of the date of their
14 hire, unless a waiver has been obtained by the Board, or
15 they shall forfeit their positions.

16 The Sheriff's Merit Commission, if one exists, or the
17 Sheriff's Office if there is no Sheriff's Merit Commission,
18 shall maintain a list of all individuals who have filed
19 applications to become court security officers and who meet
20 the eligibility requirements established under this Act.
21 Either the Sheriff's Merit Commission, or the Sheriff's
22 Office if no Sheriff's Merit Commission exists, shall
23 establish a schedule of reasonable intervals for
24 verification of the applicants' qualifications under this
25 Act and as established by the Board.

26 g. Minimum in-service training requirements, which a

1 police officer must satisfactorily complete every 3 years.
2 Those requirements shall include constitutional and proper
3 use of law enforcement authority, procedural justice,
4 civil rights, human rights, mental health awareness and
5 response, and cultural competency.

6 h. Minimum in-service training requirements, which a
7 police officer must satisfactorily complete at least
8 annually. Those requirements shall include law updates and
9 use of force training which shall include scenario based
10 training, or similar training approved by the Board.

11 (Source: P.A. 98-49, eff. 7-1-13; 98-358, eff. 1-1-14; 98-463,
12 eff. 8-16-13; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 99-352, eff. 1-1-16;
13 99-480, eff. 9-9-15; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 99-801, eff.
14 1-1-17.)

15 (50 ILCS 705/10.17)

16 Sec. 10.17. Crisis intervention team training; mental
17 health awareness training.

18 (a) The Illinois Law Enforcement Training ~~and~~ Standards
19 Board shall develop and approve a standard curriculum for a
20 certified training programs ~~program~~ in crisis intervention
21 addressing specialized policing responses to people with
22 mental illnesses. The Board shall conduct Crisis Intervention
23 Team (CIT) training programs that train officers to identify
24 signs and symptoms of mental illness, to de-escalate situations
25 involving individuals who appear to have a mental illness, and

1 connect that person in crisis to treatment. Officers who have
2 successfully completed this program shall be issued a
3 certificate attesting to their attendance of a Crisis
4 Intervention Team (CIT) training program.

5 (b) The Board shall create an introductory course
6 incorporating adult learning models that provides law
7 enforcement officers with an awareness of mental health issues
8 including a history of the mental health system, types of
9 mental health illness including signs and symptoms of mental
10 illness and common treatments and medications, and the
11 potential interactions law enforcement officers may have on a
12 regular basis with these individuals, their families, and
13 service providers including de-escalating a potential crisis
14 situation. This course, in addition to other traditional
15 learning settings, may be made available in an electronic
16 format.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-261, eff. 1-1-16; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)