



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a mandatory mental health emergency response training for all uniformed members of the police department whose responsibilities include routinely interacting with arrested individuals and victims of crime

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-194 to read as follows:

§ 14-194 Mental health emergency response training. The commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of health and mental hygiene, shall create and implement a mandatory training for all uniformed members of the department whose responsibilities include routinely interacting with arrested individuals and victims of crime on recognizing and responding to mental health emergencies. Such members of the department shall complete such training within 1 year of the effective date of the local law that added this section and once every 2 years thereafter. The training shall provide information on:

1. The ways that symptoms of different mental illnesses can cause a mental health emergency;
2. How to effectively communicate with a person experiencing a mental health emergency;
3. How to deescalate a situation in which a person is experiencing a mental health emergency; and
4. Alternatives to involuntary removal, including offering to bring the person experiencing a mental health emergency to a hospital or other facility where medical care is provided or to a crisis respite center or clubhouse where non-coercive community based care is provided, and providing information about resources, including addresses and phone numbers, to enable the person experiencing the mental health emergency to

access care independently.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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