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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
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SENATE BILL NO. 971

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An Act relating to law enforcement training; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311.4, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3311.4), which relates to continuing law enforcement training; requiring certain training relating to sexual assault calls, response and evidence collection; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311.5, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3311.5), which relates to required curriculum; directing the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to establish training resources focused on protocol for handling and processing sexual assault calls; providing list of training topics; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311.4, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 37, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 3311.4), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3311.4 A. Beginning January 1, 2008, and annually
2 thereafter, every active full-time peace officer, certified by the
3 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) pursuant
4 to Section 3311 of this title, shall attend and complete a minimum
5 of twenty-five (25) hours of continuing law enforcement training
6 accredited or provided by CLEET which shall include a mandatory two
7 (2) hours on mental health issues. Effective November 1, 2019,
8 CLEET shall establish appropriate training resources which shall
9 include the policies and protocols for responding to sexual assault
10 calls, guidelines for the collection and maintenance of sexual
11 assault kits and continuing education on trauma-informed sexual
12 assault response and intervention, and shall require all CLEET-
13 certified law enforcement officers to complete such training on a
14 regular basis to be determined by CLEET. CLEET shall promulgate
15 rules to enforce the provisions of this section and shall enter into
16 contracts and agreements for the payment of classroom space,
17 training, food, and lodging expenses as may be necessary for law
18 enforcement officers attending such training in accordance with
19 subsection B of Section 3311 of this title. Such training and
20 seminars shall be conducted in all areas of this state at technology
21 center schools, institutions of higher education, or other approved
22 sites.

23 B. Beginning January 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, every
24 active reserve peace officer, certified by CLEET pursuant to Section

1 3311 of this title, shall attend and complete a minimum of eight (8)
2 hours of continuing law enforcement training accredited or provided
3 by CLEET which shall include a mandatory one (1) hour on mental
4 health issues.

5 C. Every inactive full-time or reserve peace officer, certified
6 by CLEET, shall be exempt from these requirements during the
7 inactive status. Upon reentry to full-time active status, the peace
8 officer shall be required to comply with subsection A of this
9 section. If a full-time certified peace officer has been inactive
10 for five (5) or more years, the officer must complete refresher
11 training as prescribed by CLEET and which shall include a minimum of
12 four (4) hours of mental health education and training, within one
13 (1) year of employment. Upon reentry to active reserve status, the
14 peace officer shall be required to comply with subsection B of this
15 section. If a certified reserve officer has been inactive for five
16 (5) or more years, the certified reserve officer shall complete a
17 legal update as prescribed by CLEET. The Director of CLEET may
18 waive these requirements based on review of all records of
19 employment and training.

20 D. Every tribal officer who is commissioned by an Oklahoma law
21 enforcement agency pursuant to a cross-deputization agreement with
22 the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision of the State of
23 Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Section 1221 of Title 74 of
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1 the Oklahoma Statutes shall comply with the provisions of this
2 section.

3 E. Any active full-time or reserve certified peace officer, or
4 CLEET-certified cross-deputized tribal officer who fails to meet the
5 annual training requirements specified in this section, shall be
6 subject to having the certification of the peace officer suspended,
7 after the peace officer and the employer have been given written
8 notice of noncompliance and a reasonable time, as defined by the
9 Council, to comply with the provisions of this section. A peace
10 officer shall not be employed in the capacity of a peace officer
11 during any period of suspension. The suspension period shall be for
12 a period of time until the officer files a statement attesting to
13 full compliance with the provisions of this section. Suspension of
14 peace officer certification shall be reported to the district
15 attorney for the jurisdiction in which the officer is employed, the
16 liability insurance company of the law enforcement agency that
17 employed the peace officer, the chief elected official of the
18 governing body of the law enforcement agency and the chief law
19 enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency. Any officer
20 whose certification is suspended pursuant to this section may
21 request a hearing with CLEET. Such hearings shall be governed by
22 the Administrative Procedures Act except that the affected officer
23 has the burden to show CLEET why CLEET should not have the
24 certification of the officer suspended.

1 F. All certified, active full-time or reserve peace officers
2 employed, commissioned or appointed for a period of ninety (90) days
3 in a calendar year, who become inactive prior to the end of a
4 calendar year, are responsible for meeting mandatory continuing
5 education requirements as set forth in this section upon return to
6 active full-time or reserve peace officer status within sixty (60)
7 days of the date of return to employment, commission or appointment.
8 Failure to complete the mandatory continuing education within sixty
9 (60) days may result in disciplinary action as set forth in CLEET
10 Rules at OAC 390:2. Full-time or reserve certified peace officers
11 who return to active status within the calendar year they become
12 inactive must complete the annual mandatory continuing education
13 requirements outlined in this section within the remaining portion
14 of the calendar year.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3311.5, as
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 162, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp.
17 2018, Section 3311.5), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 3311.5 A. On and after November 1, 2007, the Council
19 on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), pursuant to its
20 authority granted by Section 3311 of this title, shall include in
21 its required basic training courses for law enforcement
22 certification a minimum of four (4) hours of education and training
23 relating to recognizing and managing a person appearing to require
24 mental health treatment or services. The Council shall further

1 offer a minimum of four (4) hours of education and training on
2 specific mental health issues pursuant to Section 3311.4 of this
3 title to meet the annual requirement for continuing education in the
4 areas of mental health issues.

5 B. By January 1, 2008, CLEET, pursuant to its authority granted
6 by Sections 3311 and 3311.4 of this title, shall include in its
7 required courses of study for law enforcement certification a
8 minimum of six (6) hours of evidence-based sexual assault and sexual
9 violence training. A portion of the sexual assault and sexual
10 violence training shall include instruction presented by a certified
11 sexual assault service provider.

12 C. By January 1, 2012, every active full-time peace officer,
13 previously certified by CLEET pursuant to Section 3311 of this
14 title, shall be required to attend and complete the evidence-based
15 sexual assault and sexual violence training provided in subsection B
16 of this section.

17 D. CLEET shall promulgate rules to enforce the provisions of
18 subsections B and C of this section and shall, with the assistance
19 of certified sexual assault service providers, establish a
20 comprehensive integrated curriculum for the teaching of evidence-
21 based sexual assault and sexual violence issues.

22 E. The Council is required to update that block of training or
23 course materials relating to legal issues, concepts, and state laws
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1 annually, but not later than ninety (90) days following the
2 adjournment of any legislative session.

3 F. By January 1, 2009, CLEET, pursuant to its authority granted
4 by Sections 3311 and 3311.4 of this title, shall include in its
5 required courses of study for law enforcement certification a
6 minimum of four (4) hours of oil field equipment theft training.

7 G. By January 1, 2012, CLEET, pursuant to its authority granted
8 by Sections 3311 and 3311.4 of this title, shall establish and
9 include in its required courses of study for law enforcement
10 certification a minimum of eight (8) hours of evidence-based
11 domestic violence and stalking investigation training. The training
12 should include, at a minimum, the importance of reporting domestic
13 violence incidents, determining the predominant aggressor, evidence-
14 based investigation of domestic violence and stalking, lethality
15 assessment, and personal safety planning necessary at the pretrial
16 stages of a potential criminal case. A portion of the training
17 shall include instruction presented by an expert victim advocate
18 selected from recommendations provided by the Office of the Attorney
19 General or the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. The
20 training shall be developed in collaboration with the Domestic
21 Violence Fatality Review Board, and where applicable, shall replace
22 existing domestic violence and stalking courses currently required.

23 H. By January 1, 2012, the evidence-based domestic violence and
24 stalking investigation curriculum developed in collaboration with

1 the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board shall be submitted to
2 the Council for approval.

3 I. CLEET shall establish the training provided in subsection G
4 of this section as a part of CLEET's peace officer continuing
5 education program and develop a plan to train full-time peace
6 officers previously certified by CLEET pursuant to Section 3311 of
7 this title where applicable. The Office of the Attorney General
8 shall provide a list of expert victim advocates that are available
9 to assist in the training.

10 J. The Council is authorized to pay for and send training staff
11 and employees to one or more training and education courses in
12 jurisdictions outside this state for the purpose of expanding
13 curriculum, training skill development, and general knowledge within
14 the field of law enforcement education and training.

15 K. On and after November 1, 2013, the Council on Law
16 Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), pursuant to its
17 authority granted by Section 3311 of this title, shall include in
18 its required basic training courses for law enforcement
19 certification a minimum of two (2) hours of education and training
20 relating to recognizing and managing a person experiencing dementia
21 or Alzheimer's disease.

22 L. By November 1, 2019, CLEET shall establish appropriate
23 training resources focused on protocol for handling and processing
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1 sexual assault calls. The training shall include, but not be
2 limited to:

- 3 1. How to handle the sexual assault call upon first contact;
- 4 2. Determining when the assault occurred;
- 5 3. Where to take the victim;
- 6 4. Questioning witnesses and collecting evidence; and
- 7 5. Informing and assisting the victim in accessing resources,
8 help and information.

9 M. The Council shall promulgate rules to evaluate and approve
10 municipalities and counties that are deemed capable of conducting
11 separate basic law enforcement training academies in their
12 jurisdiction and to certify officers successfully completing such
13 academy training courses. Upon application to the Council, any
14 municipality with a population of sixty-five thousand (65,000) or
15 more or any county with a population of five hundred thousand
16 (500,000) or more shall be authorized to operate a basic law
17 enforcement academy. The Council shall approve an application when
18 the municipality or county making the application meets the criteria
19 for a separate training academy and demonstrates to the satisfaction
20 of the Council that the academy has sufficient resources to conduct
21 the training, the instructional staff is appropriately trained and
22 qualified to teach the course materials, the curriculum is composed
23 of comparable or higher quality course segments to the CLEET academy
24 curriculum, and the facilities where the academy will be conducted

1 are safe and sufficient for law enforcement training purposes. Any
2 municipality or county authorized to operate a basic law enforcement
3 academy after November 1, 2007, shall not be eligible to receive
4 funds pursuant to subsection E of Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes. The Council shall not provide any funding for
6 the operation of any separate training academy authorized by this
7 subsection.

8 ~~M.~~ N. Any municipality or county that, prior to November 1,
9 2007, was authorized to conduct a basic law enforcement academy
10 shall continue to receive funding pursuant to subsection E of
11 Section 1313.2 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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