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Committee Assignment: Assembly Freedom 1

Bill #:AF-07

1 **Sponsors:** Ashika Prakash, Christopher McLaughlin, Nicole Ahern

2 **An Act To:** Amend Section 2.30, Title A, Part one under criminal
3 procedures the NYS Consolidated Law to add training requirements for
4 peace officers to establish training programs on de-escalation tactics and
5 awareness of bias, mental illness, and cultural competency.

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

7 **Purpose** The purpose of this bill is to prevent unnecessary deaths caused
8 by police brutality

9 **Summary of Provisions**

10 **Section 1**

11 **Definition:** The term "de-escalation" refers to reduction of the intensity of a
12 situation that may otherwise evoke violence.

13 **Section 2**

14 Every Peace officer in the state of New York must successfully complete a
15 training program, a portion of which shall be prescribed by the municipal
16 police training council and a portion of which shall be prescribed by his or her
17 employer. The portion prescribed by the municipal police training council
18 shall be comprised of subjects, and the hours each is to be taught, that
19 shall be required of all types or classes of peace officers. "Such training
20 should establish programs on de-escalation tactics, and awareness of bias,
21 mental illness, and cultural competency." The hours of instruction required
22 by the municipal. police training council shall not exceed one hundred
23 eighty, unless a greater amount is either required by law or regulation, or
24 is requested by the employer.

25 **Justification**

26 Police should be aware of factors such as mental illness and bias before
27 making a decision that could end someone's life and always try to
28 deescalate the situation before using excessive force.

29 **Fiscal Implications**

30 Training is already funded by the State Of New York,

31 **Effective Date**

32 1 year after the bill is passed

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