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HOUSE BILL 490

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY; REQUIRING ALL CERTIFIED AND  
COMMISSIONED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE NEW  
MEXICO STATE POLICE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY, MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICES  
TO HAVE INITIAL AND IN-SERVICE SCHOOL-SPECIFIC TRAINING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1.** Section 29-7-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,  
Chapter 264, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-7-4. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD.--The board shall:

A. approve or disapprove the appointment of the  
director by the secretary;

B. develop and implement a planned program of:

(1) basic law enforcement training and  
in-service law enforcement training, a portion of which may be

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1 conducted on a regional basis; [~~and~~]

2 (2) basic telecommunicator training and  
3 in-service telecommunicator training, as provided in the Public  
4 Safety Telecommunicator Training Act, a portion of which may be  
5 conducted on a regional basis; and

6 (3) initial and in-service training for  
7 certified and commissioned law enforcement officers employed by  
8 the New Mexico state police division of the department of  
9 public safety, municipal police departments and county sheriff  
10 offices that is specific to best practices for law enforcement  
11 and school interactions. The board shall collaborate with the  
12 public education department and the academy to design the  
13 training, which may be conducted on a regional basis, that  
14 shall include:

15 (a) the special needs and circumstances  
16 of working in a school environment;

17 (b) threat response, crisis management  
18 and de-escalation techniques;

19 (c) school safety, emergency planning  
20 and strategies for securing a school campus; and

21 (d) other topics required by the board;

22 C. prescribe qualifications for instructors and  
23 prescribe courses of instruction for:

24 (1) basic law enforcement training and  
25 in-service law enforcement training; [~~and~~]

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1 (2) basic telecommunicator training and  
2 in-service telecommunicator training, as provided in the Public  
3 Safety Telecommunicator Training Act; and

4 (3) initial and in-service training for  
5 certified and commissioned law enforcement officers employed by  
6 the New Mexico state police division, municipal police  
7 departments and county sheriff offices that is specific to best  
8 practices for law enforcement and school interactions;

9 D. report annually to the governor;

10 E. in its discretion, accept donations,  
11 contributions, grants or gifts from whatever source for the  
12 benefit of the academy, which donations, contributions, grants  
13 or gifts are appropriated for the use of the academy;

14 F. adopt, publish and file, in accordance with the  
15 provisions of the State Rules Act, all regulations and rules  
16 concerning the operation of the academy and the implementation  
17 and enforcement of the provisions of the Law Enforcement  
18 Training Act and the Public Safety Telecommunicator Training  
19 Act;

20 G. issue, grant, deny, renew, suspend or revoke a:

21 (1) peace officer's certification for any  
22 cause set forth in the provisions of the Law Enforcement  
23 Training Act; and

24 (2) telecommunicator's certification for any  
25 just cause set forth in the Public Safety Telecommunicator

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Training Act;

H. administer oaths, subpoena persons and take testimony on any matter within the board's jurisdiction; and

I. perform all other acts appropriate to the development and operation of the academy."