

SENATE No. 1256

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to training for law enforcement.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James B. Eldridge

Patricia D. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Worcester

Second Middlesex

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1256) of James B. Eldridge and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to training for law enforcement. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to training for law enforcement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 116F the
2 following section:-

3 Section 116G. (a) The municipal police training committee shall develop and establish
4 within the recruit basic training curriculum a course for regional and municipal police training
5 schools on or before January 1, 2017, for the training of law enforcement officers in the
6 commonwealth in civilian interaction and procedural justice. The course of instruction and the
7 guidelines shall emphasize: crisis, de-escalation, and disengagement tactics and techniques; and
8 ways to build community trust and maintain community confidence.

9 As used in this section, “law enforcement officer” shall mean any officer of a municipal
10 police department, the office of environmental law enforcement, the University of Massachusetts
11 or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police department.

12 (b) The municipal police training committee periodically shall include this course of
13 instruction within its in-service training curriculum available to in-service trainees and any other
14 public safety officers.