

SENATE No. 1304

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1304) of James B. Eldridge, Barbara A. L'Italien and Michael J. Barrett for legislation relative to training for law enforcement. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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

3 Section 116G. (a) For purposes of this section, the term “law enforcement officer” shall
4 mean any officer of a municipal police department, the office of environmental law enforcement,
5 the University of Massachusetts or the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police
6 department.

7 (b) The municipal police training committee shall develop and establish within the
8 recruit basic training curriculum a course to train law enforcement officers in civilian interaction
9 and procedural justice. The course shall emphasize crisis, de-escalation and disengagement
10 tactics and techniques and practices and procedures that build community trust and maintain
11 community confidence.

12 (c) The municipal police training committee shall periodically include the course in its in-
13 service training curriculum available to in-service trainees and other public safety officers.

14 SECTION 2. The civilian interaction and procedural justice training course for law
15 enforcement officers established pursuant to section 116G of chapter 6 of the General Laws shall
16 be operational on or before January 1, 2019.