

# HOUSE BILL 585

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Training Commission – Policies and Reporting**  
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission, in cooperation with the  
5 Office of the Attorney General and the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and  
6 Prevention, to develop certain statewide standards; requiring the Commission, in  
7 cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General, to review annually certain  
8 standards adopted by certain law enforcement agencies for constitutional sufficiency;  
9 requiring the Commission to develop a certain form and system by which certain law  
10 enforcement agencies shall report annually certain incidents to the Commission;  
11 requiring the Commission to summarize annually the information submitted by the  
12 law enforcement agencies and publish the summary in a certain manner; requiring  
13 a certain law enforcement agency to adopt certain standards and publish certain  
14 policies in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring a certain law  
15 enforcement agency to adopt a certain form and report annually certain incidents to  
16 the Commission in accordance with this Act; and generally relating to the Police  
17 Training Commission.

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Public Safety  
20 Section 3–207  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article – Public Safety  
25 Section 3–514 and 3–515  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Public Safety**

4 3–207.

5 (A) Subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Commission has the following  
6 powers and duties:

7 (1) to establish standards for the approval and continuation of approval of  
8 schools that conduct police entrance–level and in–service training courses required by the  
9 Commission, including State, regional, county, and municipal training schools;

10 (2) to approve and issue certificates of approval to police training schools;

11 (3) to inspect police training schools;

12 (4) to revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued to a  
13 police training school;

14 (5) to establish the following for police training schools:

15 (i) curriculum;

16 (ii) minimum courses of study;

17 (iii) attendance requirements;

18 (iv) eligibility requirements;

19 (v) equipment and facilities;

20 (vi) standards of operation; and

21 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

22 (6) to require, for entrance–level police training and at least every 3 years  
23 for in–service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal  
24 police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include special  
25 training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of:

26 (i) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including  
27 the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary procedures;

28 (ii) the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and  
29 delinquent acts;

1 (iii) the notices, services, support, and rights available to victims and  
2 victims' representatives under State law; and

3 (iv) the notification of victims of identity fraud and related crimes of  
4 their rights under federal law;

5 (7) to certify and issue appropriate certificates to qualified instructors for  
6 police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training programs;

7 (8) to verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed training  
8 programs and issue diplomas to those police officers;

9 (9) to conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the  
10 Commission to offer police training programs;

11 (10) to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service training  
12 methods and procedures;

13 (11) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal,  
14 State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

15 (12) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutions in  
16 the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in police science and  
17 police administration;

18 (13) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the State  
19 concerned with police training;

20 (14) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Chief Medical  
21 Examiner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a uniform missing person report form  
22 to be available for use by each law enforcement agency of the State on or before October 1,  
23 2008;

24 (15) to require, for entrance-level police training and annually for  
25 in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police  
26 training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include, for police  
27 officers who are issued an electronic control device by a law enforcement agency, special  
28 training in the proper use of electronic control devices, as defined in § 4-109 of the Criminal  
29 Law Article, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State  
30 constitutional provisions;

31 (16) to require, for entrance-level police training and, as determined by the  
32 Commission, for in-service level training conducted by the State and each county and  
33 municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study  
34 include, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State  
35 constitutional provisions:

1 (i) training in lifesaving techniques, including Cardiopulmonary  
2 Resuscitation (CPR);

3 (ii) training in the proper level and use of force;

4 (iii) training regarding sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity;  
5 and

6 (iv) training regarding individuals with physical, intellectual,  
7 developmental, and psychiatric disabilities;

8 (17) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Attorney General,  
9 the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and the Federal Trade Commission,  
10 a uniform identity fraud reporting form that:

11 (i) makes transmitted data available on or before October 1, 2011,  
12 for use by each law enforcement agency of State and local government; and

13 (ii) may authorize the data to be transmitted to the Consumer  
14 Sentinel program in the Federal Trade Commission; and

15 (18) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry out  
16 the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

17 **(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP, IN COOPERATION WITH THE**  
18 **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME**  
19 **CONTROL AND PREVENTION, STATEWIDE STANDARDS FOR:**

20 **(I) THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
21 **OFFICERS;**

22 **(II) THE USE OF FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS;**

23 **(III) DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
24 **OFFICERS; AND**

25 **(IV) THE HIRING AND RECRUITMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
26 **OFFICERS.**

27 **(2) IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY**  
28 **GENERAL, THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW ANNUALLY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL**  
29 **SUFFICIENCY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**  
30 **SUBSECTION THAT ARE ADOPTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

1 (C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM FORM AND A  
2 SYSTEM BY WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO  
3 THE COMMISSION ON:

4 (I) INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF FORCE; AND

5 (II) INCIDENTS INVOLVING CITIZEN CONTACTS AND  
6 TEMPORARY DETENTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS.

7 (2) THE COMMISSION ANNUALLY SHALL SUMMARIZE THE  
8 INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND POST THE  
9 SUMMARY ON A WEB SITE MAINTAINED BY THE COMMISSION.

10 3-514.

11 EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL:

12 (1) ADOPT THE STANDARDS DESCRIBED UNDER § 3-207(B) OF THIS  
13 TITLE; AND

14 (2) POST ALL OF ITS OFFICIAL POLICIES:

15 (I) ON THE AGENCY'S WEB SITE IF THE AGENCY MAINTAINS A  
16 WEB SITE; OR

17 (II) ON THE WEB SITE OF THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION  
18 IF THE AGENCY DOES NOT MAINTAIN A WEB SITE.

19 3-515.

20 EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL:

21 (1) ADOPT THE UNIFORM FORM DEVELOPED BY THE POLICE  
22 TRAINING COMMISSION UNDER § 3-207(C) OF THIS TITLE; AND

23 (2) ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION, IN  
24 ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-207(C) OF THIS TITLE, ON:

25 (I) INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF FORCE; AND

26 (II) INCIDENTS INVOLVING CITIZEN CONTACTS AND  
27 TEMPORARY DETENTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2016.