

1 Introduced by the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

2 Date:

3 Subject: Internal security and public safety; Vermont Criminal Justice Council;  
4 law enforcement officer training

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: **This bill** will require law  
6 enforcement agencies and constables who exercise law enforcement authority  
7 to adopt the 2010 Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model  
8 Policy and any future updates to the Policy as well as require the Vermont Law  
9 Enforcement Advisory Board to update the Domestic Violence Involving Law  
10 Enforcement Model Policy. The bill will include the issuance of a **final** relief  
11 from abuse order as Category A conduct and include a violation of the  
12 Domestic Violence by Law Enforcement Model Policy as Category B conduct,  
13 as well as require the Vermont Criminal Justice Council to collect and annually  
14 report aggregate data regarding domestic and sexual violence and complaints  
15 of Category A and B conduct resulting in the filing of charges or stipulations  
16 or the taking of disciplinary action.

17 An act relating to miscellaneous changes to law enforcement officer training  
18 laws

19 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

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1       Sec. 2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT

2                   MODEL POLICY REVISION

3           (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Vermont Law Enforcement Advisory  
4           Board, after receiving input from interested stakeholders, shall issue an  
5           updated Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model Policy.

6           (b) The updated Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model  
7           Policy shall:

8                   (1) address domestic violence survivors’ needs and leverage best  
9                   practices in awareness, prevention, and investigation of domestic violence;

10                   (2) identify existing support offered to any law enforcement agency  
11                   employee or officer who is experiencing domestic violence;

12                   (3) identify new means of supporting law enforcement agency  
13                   employees or officers who are experiencing domestic violence;

14                   (4) develop processes to protect the privacy of agency employees and  
15                   officers experiencing domestic violence and to maintain the confidentiality of  
16                   any information shared by these individuals; and

17                   (5) amend or replace language found in 2010 Domestic Violence  
18                   Involving Law Enforcement Model Policy, § 3.8 (Member Responsibilities),  
19                   subsection (4) to require a law enforcement agency employee or officer subject  
20                   to a final relief from abuse order pursuant to 15 V.S.A. § 1103 to immediately  
21                   surrender all service weapons.



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Sec. 4. 20 V.S.A. § 2409 is amended to read:

§ 2409. ACCESSIBILITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

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(g)(1) The Council shall collect aggregate data on the number of:

(A) complaints received that involve domestic or sexual violence;

and

(B) the number of complaints for Category A and B conduct that resulted in the filing of charges or stipulations or the taking of disciplinary action.

(2) The Council shall provide a report of the aggregate data collected pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Government Operations annually on or before January 15.

\* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.