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Act No. 74 (H. 476). An act relating to miscellaneous changes to law enforcement officer training laws

Subjects: Internal security and public safety; Vermont Criminal Justice Council; law enforcement officer training

This act requires law enforcement agencies and constables who exercise law enforcement authority to adopt the Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model Policy by July 1, 2024, and any future updates to the Policy within six months following the issuance. It will also require the Vermont Law Enforcement Advisory Board to update the Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model Policy by January 1, 2024.

This act includes additional conduct by a law enforcement officer as “Category B conduct” sanctionable by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council for a first offense, specifically, while on duty or off duty, attempting to cause or causing physical harm to a family or household member, or placing a family or household member in fear of imminent serious physical harm abuse of a family or household member, as well as, while on duty or off duty, a violation of the Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model Policy. It also clarifies which types of law enforcement officer conduct the Vermont Criminal Justice Council may take action on for a first offense by restructuring 20 V.S.A. § 2407 section and adds as “Category B conduct” sanctionable by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council for a first offense any sexual harassment involving physical contact by a law enforcement officer.

This act requires the Vermont Criminal Justice Council to collect and annually report to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Operations aggregate data regarding domestic and sexual violence and complaints and related conduct resulting in the filing of charges or stipulations or the taking of disciplinary action.

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