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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a law enforcement officer must successfully complete 12 hours of continuing education training approved by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

This bill would require the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission to collaborate with a nonprofit company to provide training to certified officers every other year about interacting with individuals with sensory needs or invisible disabilities.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to law enforcement training; to require each law enforcement officer to undergo training related to individuals with certain sensory needs or invisible disabilities every other year; and to provide that the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission shall collaborate with a nonprofit company to provide the training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) (1) Beginning January 1, 2024, the



29 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission  
30 (APOSTC) shall require each law enforcement officer certified  
31 by APOSTC to complete one hour of training on interacting with  
32 individuals with sensory needs or invisible disabilities every  
33 other year. This training shall be in addition to the  
34 continuing education course requirement under Section  
35 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975.

36 (2) The commission shall collaborate with a nonprofit  
37 company that provides training on individuals with sensory  
38 needs or invisible disabilities to administer the training  
39 required by this subsection. The company shall provide the  
40 required training related to individuals with sensory needs or  
41 invisible disabilities without compensation. The training may  
42 be provided in person or online.

43 (b)(1) The commission shall review each law enforcement  
44 agency's compliance with this act in the same manner that the  
45 commission reviews compliance with other continuing education  
46 requirements.

47 (2) The commission shall ensure that the company chosen  
48 to administer the training annually reviews and updates the  
49 training to include changes and trends relating to individuals  
50 with sensory needs or invisible disabilities.

51 (c) The commission may adopt rules for the  
52 implementation and administration of this act.

53 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January  
54 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
55 or its otherwise becoming law.