

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1199**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian**

February 17, 2017

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An act to add Section 13514.3 to the Penal Code, relating to peace officer training.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1199, as introduced, Nazarian. Peace officer training: dogs.

Existing law requires specified categories of law enforcement officers to meet training standards pursuant to courses of training certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

This bill would require POST to develop and implement training for peace officers regarding encounters with dogs. This bill would also require specified law enforcement officers, including municipal police officers and county sheriff's deputies, to receive that training. By requiring these officers to perform this training, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13514.3 is added to the Penal Code, to  
2 read:

3 13514.3. (a) The commission shall establish and keep updated  
4 a course of instruction for the training of law enforcement officers  
5 in safe encounters with dogs.

6 (b) The course described in subdivision (a) shall include, but  
7 not be limited to:

8 (1) Understanding the behavior of dogs.

9 (2) Tactical considerations and best practices during encounters  
10 involving dogs.

11 (3) Safe handling of, and appropriate use of force against dogs.

12 (c) The commission shall include this training in the basic course  
13 on or before January 1, 2019.

14 (d) Law enforcement officers who complete the basic course  
15 before January 1, 2019, shall participate in supplementary training  
16 on this topic. This supplementary training shall be completed on  
17 or before January 1, 2021.

18 (e) Further training courses to update this instruction shall be  
19 established, as deemed necessary by the commission.

20 (f) As used in this section, “law enforcement officer” means  
21 any peace officer of the California Highway Patrol, the Department  
22 of Parks and Recreation, the University of California Police  
23 Department, or the California State University Police Departments,  
24 any deputy sheriff of a county, or any police officer of a city or of  
25 a district authorized by law to maintain a police department.

26 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
27 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
28 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
29 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
30 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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