

CHAPTER 410

AN ACT concerning correctional police officer training and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.30:1B-6.13 Additional training for correctional police officers.

1. a. In addition to the duties of the commissioner set forth in section 6 of P.L.1976, c.98 (C.30:1B-6), the commissioner shall institute a mandatory annual in-service training program of at least 20 hours for each correctional police officer in every State correctional facility.

b. At least four hours of the mandatory 20 hours of training required by subsection a. of this section shall include training in:

(1) sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment prevention as required pursuant to the provisions of the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA);

(2) non-fraternization and undue familiarity; and

(3) conditioning and manipulation awareness.

c. Sixteen hours of the training required by subsection a. of this section shall be dedicated to topics chosen by the training department of each State correctional facility from a list of approved courses developed by the commissioner.

d. The training required in subsection a. of this section shall be in addition to firearms qualification training and use-of force training.

C.30:1B-6.14 In-service training on non-fraternization, undue familiarity.

2. The in-service training on non-fraternization and undue familiarity required by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of section 1 of this act shall include training on the parameters of authorized contact that a correctional police officer may have with a current and former inmate as follows:

a. prohibit an officer from making personal contacts with or engaging in a personal relationship with a current inmate except as explicitly authorized;

b. limit ongoing contacts with a current or former inmate, member of the inmate's family, or close associate of the inmate to those persons with whom the officer was acquainted or associated with before the inmate entered the correctional facility, and in these situations, require the officer to provide the officer's supervisor, in writing, of the nature, extent, and history of the relationship;

c. prohibit an officer from engaging in any of the following activities related to an inmate, a member of the inmate's family, or a close associate of the inmate for a minimum of 90 days after the release of the inmate:

(1) display favoritism or preferential treatment toward one inmate or group of inmates over another;

(2) give gifts, favors, or services beyond those required by the facility;

(3) accept for the officer or a family member of the officer any tangible or non-tangible personal reward or other consideration;

(4) engage in any business relationship;

(5) engage in any non-incident contact outside the facility;

(6) engage in a personal relationship; and

(7) require any authorized contact to be conducted in a professional manner.

3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth month after enactment, but the Commissioner of Corrections may take such anticipatory action prior to the effective date as necessary to effectuate the act's provisions.

Approved January 21, 2020.