

ACLU-PA Position: Support

Bill summary

[HB 1910](#) PN 4012 would provide training to officers on interacting with individuals of diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds; implicit bias training; recognizing and reporting child abuse; and annual training on the use of appropriate force. In addition, the bill would require police officers to be tested for post-traumatic stress disorder every two years and within 30 days of any lethal use-of-force incident.

Bill details

Training

- **Child abuse**
 - Magisterial District Judge training: identification and reporting of suspected child abuse
 - Police officers with respect to:
 - Recognizing child abuse.
 - The provisions regarding reporting suspected child abuse.
 - The efficacy of conducting forensic interviewing of victims of child abuse within the setting of a children's advocacy center.
- **Implicit bias training for police**
 - Instruction on interacting with individuals of diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds.
 - Instruction in community and cultural awareness, implicit bias, procedural justice and reconciliation techniques as developed by the Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission (MPOETC).
- **Use of force**
 - Instruction on the use of force, including deadly force, de-escalation, and harm reduction techniques.
- **Post-traumatic stress disorder**
 - Instruction in trauma informed care in recognizing and interacting with individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder, including intervening with or on behalf of other police officers exhibiting PTSD.

Mandatory PTSD checks for law enforcement officers

Evaluations—requires mental health evaluations for officers for post-traumatic stress disorder:

- upon request of the law enforcement officer;
- upon recommendation of a police chief or other supervising law enforcement officer; or
- within 30 days of an incident of the use of lethal force during the course of law enforcement duties.

Administrative duty—police officers will be assigned to administrative duty if the officer:

- Fails to undergo a mental health evaluation for post-traumatic stress disorder when required; or
- Is experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder as determined by a licensed mental health professional.

Bill status

- Read and check the bill status here: [HB 1910](#).