

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Police Training Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 3.2 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 705/3.2 new)

7 Sec. 3.2. Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator.

8 (a) There is created under the authority of the Illinois  
9 Law Enforcement Training Standards Board the Statewide PTSD  
10 Mental Health Coordinator, appointed by the Governor, by and  
11 with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of 4  
12 years. The Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall  
13 receive a salary as provided by law and is eligible for  
14 reappointment. The Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator  
15 shall be responsible for implementing a program of mental  
16 health support and education for law enforcement officers.

17 (b) The Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall:

18 (1) be an active duty law enforcement officer with an  
19 established career in different aspects of law  
20 enforcement, including, but not limited to, having  
21 experience as both a patrol officer and detective or in  
22 both urban and rural settings;

23 (2) have a history of developing and disseminating

1 evidence-based training in mental health and resilience  
2 and with a strong working knowledge of the legislative  
3 process at the State and local level; and

4 (3) have an established history of working with police  
5 administrations and police unions.

6 (c) The Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall:

7 (1) cooperate with statewide police academies to  
8 introduce police recruits to mental health issues they  
9 could face throughout their career in law enforcement;

10 (2) assist in establishing mental health training for  
11 law enforcement, including resilience training,  
12 trauma-based training, interdepartmental and  
13 intradepartmental training, and training for law  
14 enforcement families;

15 (3) select medical professionals statewide to  
16 establish a reference list that can be utilized by police  
17 departments who seek out professionals who offer  
18 evidence-based treatment for trauma and have strong  
19 working knowledge of the challenges faced by law  
20 enforcement;

21 (4) cooperate with police agencies to establish peer  
22 support programs;

23 (5) cooperate with private limited liability companies  
24 who train in mental health and wellness to ensure that the  
25 company programs are scientifically sound and factual;

26 (6) utilize the State university system to establish

1       training and produce research documentation of training  
2       effectiveness; and

3           (7) set standards for continuing education in mental  
4       health with an emphasis on meeting the developmental  
5       training needs for officers at various stages of their  
6       career.

7       (d) The Statewide PTSD Mental Health Coordinator shall  
8       report to the Board on the development and implementation of  
9       programs and training for law enforcement officers and shall  
10       advise the Board and receive advice from the Board on  
11       direction and training needs for law enforcement agencies that  
12       vary in size, location, and demographics.