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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 annual training 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 annual training related to individuals with certain sensory needs or invisible disabilities; 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 Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission



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29 shall require each law enforcement officer, as part of the  
30 continuing education course requirement under Section  
31 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975, to annually complete one hour  
32 of training on interacting with individuals with sensory needs  
33 or invisible disabilities.

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

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

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

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

51 Section 2. This act shall become effective on January  
52 1, 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
53 or its otherwise becoming law.