

SENATE BILL SB-91

Introduced by Senator Steve Padilla (D-18)

An act relating to De-Escalation Training Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-91, Steve Padilla (D-18). De-Escalation Training Act.

Existing law requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop courses and guidelines regarding the use of force, including de-escalation and interpersonal communication training. This bill would require the de-escalation component of those courses to include scenario-based exercises in which officers practice resolving encounters without force when reasonably safe and feasible. The exercises would include instructor feedback and review of the officer's decisions.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** no. **Local program:** no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) of Section 13519.10 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

(8) Deescalation and interpersonal communication training, including tactical methods that use time, distance, cover, and concealment, to avoid escalating situations that lead to violence. *This training shall include scenario-based exercises in which officers practice verbal communication, maintaining safe distances, and resolving encounters without force when reasonably safe and feasible. Each exercise shall include instructor feedback and a review of the officer's decisions. These exercises shall be incorporated into existing training hours.*