

SENATE BILL 1013

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By: **Senator Ready**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **First Responders – Mandatory Autism Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to
4 develop an autism awareness training program for certain first responders;
5 requiring certain first responders to complete a certain autism awareness training
6 program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to mandatory autism
7 awareness training for first responders.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 3–219 and 7–404

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 **3–219.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FIRST RESPONDER” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**
18 **LICENSED OR CERTIFIED UNDER § 13–516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

19 **(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP AND APPROVE AN AUTISM**
20 **AWARENESS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.**

21 **7–404.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 LICENSED OR CERTIFIED UNDER § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

2 (B) EACH FIRST RESPONDER SHALL COMPLETE AN AUTISM AWARENESS
3 TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND
4 STANDARDS COMMISSION UNDER § 3-219 OF THIS ARTICLE.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2018.