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POLICE CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Pub. L. 116-214, title II, §205, Dec. 5, 2020, 134 Stat. 1038, provided that:

“(a) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide to Department police officers an annual training on the prevention of suicide among the population served by the Department police officers.

“(b) CURRICULUM.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall update any similar training provided before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 5, 2020] to ensure that the curriculum for the training addresses, at a minimum, the following:

“(1) Effective behavioral science procedures for suicide prevention and risk mitigation.

“(2) Crisis intervention and de-escalation skills, including through the use of interactive training.

“(3) Information about mental health and substance abuse disorders.

“(4) Information about local law enforcement crisis intervention teams and other resources for veterans experiencing mental health crises available by the Department of Veterans Affairs, other elements of the Federal Government, and the community in which the police officers serve.

“(c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that the annual training provided to Department police officers at a medical facility of the Department under subsection (a) is provided in consultation with law enforcement training accreditation organizations and the mental health experts at such facility.

“(d) PLAN ON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary shall ensure that each police force of a facility of the Department develops a plan to enter into partnerships with—

“(1) local community mental health organizations and experts, local community veterans organizations, and local community criminal justice organizations and experts; and

“(2) local police departments, including by facilitating the sharing of training resources with crisis intervention teams of the local police departments.

“(e) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the annual training under subsection (a), including—

“(1) a description of the curriculum of such training;

“(2) with respect to the year preceding the date of the report—

“(A) the number of facilities of the Department that conducted such training;

“(B) the number of Department police officers who received such training; and

“(C) any barriers to ensuring that each Department police officer receives such training;

“(3) any recommendations to address the barriers identified under paragraph (2)(C); and

“(4) the number of facilities of the Department that have entered into partnerships pursuant to subsection (d).

“(f) DEPARTMENT POLICE OFFICER DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Department police officer’ means an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs specified in section 902(a) of title 38, United States Code.”

§ 903. Uniform allowance

(a) The Secretary may pay an allowance under this section for the purchase of uniforms to any Department police officer who is required to wear a prescribed uniform in the performance of official duties.

(b)(1) The amount of the allowance that the Secretary may pay under this section is the lesser of—

(A) the amount currently allowed as prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management; or

(B) estimated costs or actual costs as determined by periodic surveys conducted by the Department.

(2) During any fiscal year no officer shall receive more for the purchase of a uniform described in subsection (a) than the amount established under this subsection.

(c) The allowance established under subsection (b) shall be paid at the beginning of a Department police officer's employment for those appointed on or after October 1, 2010. In the case of any other Department police officer, an allowance in the amount established under subsection (b) shall be paid upon the request of the officer.

(d) A police officer who resigns as a police officer less than one year after receiving an allowance in an amount established under this section shall repay to the Department a pro rata share of the amount paid, based on the number of months the officer was actually employed as such an officer during the twelve-month period following the date on which such officer began such employment or the date on which the officer submitted a request for such an allowance, as the case may be.

(e) An allowance may not be paid to a Department police officer under this section and under section 5901 of title 5 for the same fiscal year.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 398; amended Pub. L. 111-163, title X, §1002, May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1182.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 903 was renumbered section 2303 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 218(c) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, §2(a).

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 111-163 added subsecs. (b) and (c) and struck out former subsecs. (b) and (c) which read as follows:

“(b) The amount of the allowance that the Secretary may pay under this section—

“(1) may be based on estimated average costs or actual costs;

“(2) may vary by geographic regions; and

“(3) except as provided in subsection (c), may not exceed \$200 in a fiscal year for any police officer.

“(c) The amount of an allowance under this section may be increased to an amount up to \$400 for not more than one fiscal year in the case of any Department police officer. In the case of a person who is appointed as a Department police officer on or after January 1, 1990, an allowance in an amount established under this subsection shall be paid at the beginning of such person's employment as such an officer. In the case of any other Department police officer, an allowance in an amount established under this subsection shall be paid upon the request of the officer.”

§ 904. Equipment and weapons

The Secretary shall furnish Department police officers with such weapons and related equip-