

HB 1996 -- LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

SPONSOR: Roberts

This bill requires the racial and gender bias training component of peace officer basic training to include specific instruction on racial or identity profiling, as defined in the bill.

The bill specifies that the curriculum shall be evidence-based and examine evidence-based patterns, practices, and protocols that make up racial or identity profiling, including implicit bias. This training shall prescribe evidence-based patterns, practices, and protocols that prevent racial or identity profiling. In developing the training, the POST commission shall consult with the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board established in this bill. The bill requires the course to include specified subject matter.

This bill establishes the "Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board." The purpose of the board is to eliminate racial and identity profiling, and improve diversity and racial sensitivity in law enforcement. The members of the board are specified in the bill and include up to two members appointed by the Speaker of the House.