

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Executive Office

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Position on Assembly Bill 1102 by Assembly Member Leland Yee

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors support AB 1102 and direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento representative to further the Board's position.

**BACKGROUND:** Because of the de-institutionalization movement of the 1970's many mentally ill persons are living on the streets. An increasing number of law enforcement calls for intervention are due to seriously emotionally disturbed and mentally ill persons. While their behavior may be threatening or criminal in nature, the intent and causes of these behaviors are very different. The author's intent is ensure that adequate peace officer training is available to ensure that peace officers have all the necessary tools to effectively respond to mentally ill persons. AB 1102 would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training make available advanced training on dealing with mentally ill persons to local agencies. This would be a 40-hour training program which local law enforcement could voluntarily elect to send peace officers. The goal of this training is to ensure that peace officers are adequately equipped to identify different types of mental illness, how best to respond to persons with mental illness, and how best to utilize community resources. The Riverside County Mental Health Department recommends the Board support AB 1102.

*Gary M. Christmas*  
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Gary Christmas, Legislative Manager

Consent     Policy  
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 Department Recommendation:  
 Per Executive Office:

**FINANCIAL DATA:** N/A  
**CURRENT YEAR COST:** \$  
**NET COUNTY COST:** \$

**ANNUAL COST:** \$  
**IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:** Yes/  
 No/  
**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:** Yes/  
 No/  
**FY:**

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**  
*[Signature]*  
County Executive Office Signature

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

- BILL NUMBER:** Assembly Bill 1102
- AUTHOR:** Assembly Member Leland Yee
- PRESENT LAW:** Existing law requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to include in the basic training course for peace officers, adequate instruction in the handling of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness.
- PROPOSED LAW:** AB 1102 would establish an advanced 40-hour course in the handling of persons with mental illness. The course would not be mandatory, but available to law enforcement agencies that voluntarily elect to send peace officers for advanced training. The bill requires this training to:
1. Provide training in recognizing signs and symptoms of mental illness and provide information about accessing and utilizing available community resources.
  2. Include the participation of mental health service providers and mental health professionals from the local community.
  3. Disseminate information relating to basic areas of mental illness, including but not limited to schizophrenia, personality disorders, cognitive disorders, suicide intervention, dual diagnosis, and posttraumatic stress disorder.
  4. Allow local mental health consumers and family members to discuss their experiences with the local law enforcement system and include visits to mental health facilities.
  5. Address mental health issues relative to children, adolescents, young adults, elderly, and disabled as well as cultural and legal issues.
- RECOMMENDATION:** Support
- BACKGROUND:** Severely emotionally disturbed and mentally ill persons are perpetrating an increasing amount of illegal activity and

public disturbance. Because of this increase, mental health professionals are recommending that law enforcement officers receive advanced training in handling mentally ill persons. The lack of adequate mental health treatment facilities unfortunately makes law enforcement officers partners in the identification and subsequent treatment of these persons. AB 1102 proposes a voluntary advanced training program to ensure law enforcement has adequate skills and tools to assist when they intervene with persons with mental illness.

FISCAL EFFECT:

The program would be voluntary to local agencies and therefore does not create an unfunded state mandate.

ORGANIZATION  
POSITIONS:

To date, there is no reported support or opposition for this bill.