

1 AN ACT relating to strangulation.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 508 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person is guilty of strangulation in the first degree when the person, other than*
6 *as part of a legitimate medical or dental procedure:*

7 *(a) Intentionally impedes the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of*
8 *another person by:*

9 *1. Applying pressure on the throat or neck of the other person; or*

10 *2. Blocking the nose or mouth of the other person; and*

11 *(b) 1. The victim is a minor;*

12 *2. The victim is a family member or member of an unmarried couple as*
13 *defined in KRS 403.720, or a member of a dating relationship as*
14 *defined KRS 456.010;*

15 *3. The victim loses consciousness or loses bowel or bladder control;*

16 *4. The victim holds a valid protective order as defined in KRS 508.130*
17 *which names the person;*

18 *5. The person used or threatened to use a deadly weapon or dangerous*
19 *instrument against the victim during the offense;*

20 *6. The person has a prior conviction under this section or Section 2 of*
21 *this Act or any similar offense in another jurisdiction;*

22 *7. The person has a prior conviction under KRS 508.010, 508.020, or*
23 *508.025 or a similar offense in another jurisdiction, and the victim in*
24 *the prior conviction is the same person who is the victim of the current*
25 *offense; or*

26 *8. The person has at least three (3) prior convictions under KRS 508.010,*
27 *508.020, or 508.025.*

1 **(2) Strangulation in the first degree is a Class C felony.**

2 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 508 IS CREATED TO
3 READ AS FOLLOWS:

4 **(1) A person is guilty of strangulation in the second degree when the person, other**
5 **than as part of a legitimate medical or dental procedure, intentionally impedes**
6 **the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of another person by:**

7 **(a) Applying pressure on the throat or neck of the other person; or**

8 **(b) Blocking the nose or mouth of the other person.**

9 **(2) Strangulation in the second degree is a Class D felony.**

10 ➔Section 3. KRS 403.720 is amended to read as follows:

11 As used in KRS 403.715 to 403.785:

12 (1) "Domestic violence and abuse" means physical injury, serious physical injury,
13 stalking, sexual abuse, **strangulation**, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent
14 physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, **strangulation**, or assault
15 between family members or members of an unmarried couple;

16 (2) "Family member" means a spouse, including a former spouse, a grandparent, a
17 grandchild, a parent, a child, a stepchild, or any other person living in the same
18 household as a child if the child is the alleged victim;

19 (3) "Foreign protective order" means any judgment, decree, or order of protection
20 which is entitled to full faith and credit pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 2265 that was
21 issued on the basis of domestic violence and abuse;

22 (4) "Global positioning monitoring system" means a system that electronically
23 determines a person's location through a device worn by the person which does not
24 invade his or her bodily integrity and which transmits the person's latitude and
25 longitude data to a monitoring entity;

26 (5) "Member of an unmarried couple" means each member of an unmarried couple
27 which allegedly has a child in common, any children of that couple, or a member of

1 an unmarried couple who are living together or have formerly lived together;

2 (6) "Order of protection" means an emergency protective order or a domestic violence
3 order and includes a foreign protective order;~~and~~

4 (7) **"Strangulation" means conduct prohibited by Sections 1 and 2 of this Act; and**

5 **(8)** "Substantial violation" means criminal conduct which involves actual or threatened
6 harm to the person, family, or property of an individual protected by an order of
7 protection.

8 ➔Section 4. KRS 456.010 is amended to read as follows:

9 As used in this chapter:

10 (1) "Dating relationship" means a relationship between individuals who have or have
11 had a relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. It does not include a casual
12 acquaintanceship or ordinary fraternization in a business or social context. The
13 following factors may be considered in addition to any other relevant factors in
14 determining whether the relationship is or was of a romantic or intimate nature:

15 (a) Declarations of romantic interest;

16 (b) The relationship was characterized by the expectation of affection;

17 (c) Attendance at social outings together as a couple;

18 (d) The frequency and type of interaction between the persons, including whether
19 the persons have been involved together over time and on a continuous basis
20 during the course of the relationship;

21 (e) The length and recency of the relationship; and

22 (f) Other indications of a substantial connection that would lead a reasonable
23 person to understand that a dating relationship existed;

24 (2) "Dating violence and abuse" means physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking,
25 sexual assault, **strangulation**, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury,
26 serious physical injury, sexual abuse, **strangulation**, or assault occurring between
27 persons who are or have been in a dating relationship;

- 1 (3) "Foreign protective order" means any judgment, decree, or order of protection
2 which is entitled to full faith and credit pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 2265 which was
3 not issued on the basis of domestic violence and abuse;
- 4 (4) "Global positioning monitoring system" means a system that electronically
5 determines a person's location through a device worn by the person which does not
6 invade his or her bodily integrity and which transmits the person's latitude and
7 longitude data to a monitoring entity;
- 8 (5) "Order of protection" means any interpersonal protective order, including those
9 issued on a temporary basis, and includes a foreign protective order;
- 10 (6) "Sexual assault" refers to conduct prohibited as any degree of rape, sodomy, or
11 sexual abuse under KRS Chapter 510 or incest under KRS 530.020;
- 12 (7) "Stalking" refers to conduct prohibited as stalking under KRS 508.140 or 508.150;f
13 and
- 14 (8) **"Strangulation" means conduct prohibited by Sections 1 and 2 of this Act; and**
- 15 **(9)** "Substantial violation" means criminal conduct which involves actual or threatened
16 harm to the person, family, or property of an individual protected by an order of
17 protection.
- 18 ➔Section 5. KRS 15.334 is amended to read as follows:
- 19 (1) The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council shall approve mandatory training subjects
20 to be taught to all students attending a law enforcement basic training course that
21 include but are not limited to:
- 22 (a) Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and other crimes against the
23 elderly, including the use of multidisciplinary teams in the investigation and
24 prosecution of crimes against the elderly;
- 25 (b) The dynamics of domestic violence, pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined
26 in KRS 620.020, child physical and sexual abuse, and rape; child
27 development; the effects of abuse and crime on adult and child victims,

- 1 including the impact of abuse and violence on child development; legal
2 remedies for protection; lethality and risk issues, including screening and
3 forensic evidence collection for strangulation; profiles of offenders and
4 offender treatment; model protocols for addressing domestic violence, rape,
5 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, and child abuse;
6 available community resources and victim services; and reporting
7 requirements. This training shall be developed in consultation with legal,
8 victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with
9 expertise in domestic violence, child abuse, and rape. Training in recognizing
10 pediatric abusive head trauma may be designed in collaboration with
11 organizations and agencies that specialize in the prevention and recognition of
12 pediatric abusive head trauma approved by the secretary of the Cabinet for
13 Health and Family Services;
- 14 (c) Human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency
15 virus syndrome;
- 16 (d) Identification and investigation of, responding to, and reporting bias-related
17 crime, victimization, or intimidation that is a result of or reasonably related to
18 race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
- 19 (e) The characteristics and dynamics of human trafficking, state and federal laws
20 relating to human trafficking, the investigation of cases involving human
21 trafficking, including but not limited to screening for human trafficking, and
22 resources for assistance to the victims of human trafficking; and
- 23 (f) Beginning January 1, 2017, the council shall require that a law enforcement
24 basic training course include at least eight (8) hours of training relevant to
25 sexual assault.
- 26 (2) (a) The council shall develop and approve mandatory professional development
27 training courses to be presented to all certified peace officers. A mandatory

1 professional development training course shall be first taken by a certified
2 peace officer in the training year following its approval by the council and
3 biennially thereafter. A certified peace officer shall be required to take these
4 courses no more than two (2) times in eight (8) years.

5 (b) Beginning January 1, 2011, the council shall require that one and one-half
6 (1.5) hours of professional development covering the recognition and
7 prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma be included in the curriculum of
8 all mandatory professional development training courses such that all officers
9 shall receive this training at least once by December 31, 2013. The one and
10 one-half (1.5) hours required under this section shall be included in the current
11 number of required continuing education hours.

12 (c) Beginning January 1, 2017, the council shall establish a forty (40) hour sexual
13 assault investigation training course. By January 1, 2019, agencies shall have
14 one (1) or more officers trained in this curriculum, as follows:

- 15 1. Agencies with five (5) or fewer officers shall have at least one (1) officer
16 trained in sexual assault investigation;
- 17 2. Agencies with more than five (5) officers but fewer than thirty (30)
18 officers shall have at least two (2) officers trained in sexual assault
19 investigation; and
- 20 3. Agencies with thirty (30) or more officers shall have at least four (4)
21 officers trained in sexual assault investigation.

22 (3) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall provide training on the subjects of
23 domestic violence and abuse and may do so utilizing currently available technology.
24 All certified peace officers shall be required to complete this training at least once
25 every two (2) years.

26 (4) The council shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
27 Chapter 13A to establish mandatory basic training and professional development

1 training courses.

2 (5) The council shall make an annual report by December 31 each year to the
3 Legislative Research Commission that details the subjects and content of mandatory
4 professional development training courses established during the past year and the
5 subjects under consideration for future mandatory training.

6 ➔Section 6. KRS 15.440 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Each unit of government that meets the following requirements shall be eligible to
8 share in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program
9 fund:

10 (a) Employs one (1) or more police officers;

11 (b) Pays every police officer at least the minimum federal wage;

12 (c) Requires all police officers to have, at a minimum, a high school degree, or its
13 equivalent as determined by the council, except that each police officer
14 employed prior to the date on which the officer's police department was
15 included as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510 shall be deemed to have
16 met the requirements of this subsection;

17 (d) 1. Requires all police officers to successfully complete a basic training
18 course of nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours' duration within one (1)
19 year of the date of employment at a school certified or recognized by the
20 council, which may provide a different number of hours of instruction as
21 established in this paragraph, except that each police officer employed
22 prior to the date on which the officer's police department was included
23 as a participant under KRS 15.410 to 15.510 shall be deemed to have
24 met the requirements of this subsection.

25 2. As the exclusive method by which the number of hours required for
26 basic training courses shall be modified from that which is specifically
27 established by this paragraph, the council may, by the promulgation of

- 1 administrative regulations in accordance with the provisions of KRS
2 Chapter 13A, explicitly set the exact number of hours for basic training
3 at a number different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours based
4 upon a training curriculum approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement
5 Council as determined by a validated job task analysis.
- 6 3. If the council sets an exact number of hours different from nine hundred
7 twenty-eight (928) in an administrative regulation as provided by this
8 paragraph, it shall not further change the number of hours required for
9 basic training without promulgating administrative regulations in
10 accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.
- 11 4. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted to prevent the council,
12 pursuant to its authority under KRS 15.330, from approving training
13 schools with a curriculum requiring attendance of a number of hours that
14 exceeds nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of hours
15 established in an administrative regulation as provided by subparagraphs
16 2. and 3. of this paragraph. However, the training programs and schools
17 for the basic training of law enforcement personnel conducted by the
18 department pursuant to KRS 15A.070 shall not contain a curriculum that
19 requires attendance of a number of hours for basic training that is
20 different from nine hundred twenty-eight (928) hours or the number of
21 hours established in an administrative regulation promulgated by the
22 council pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A as provided by
23 subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph.
- 24 5. KRS 15.400 and 15.404(1), and subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph
25 to the contrary notwithstanding, the council may, through the
26 promulgation of administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
27 Chapter 13A, approve basic training credit for:

- 1 a. Years of service credit as a law enforcement officer with previous
2 service in another state; and
- 3 b. Basic training completed in another state;
- 4 (e) Requires all police officers to successfully complete each calendar year an in-
5 service training course, appropriate to the officer's rank and responsibility and
6 the size and location of the officer's police department, of forty (40) hours'
7 duration, of which the number of hours shall not be changed by the council, at
8 a school certified or recognized by the council. This requirement shall be
9 waived for the period of time that a peace officer is serving on active duty in
10 the United States Armed Forces. This waiver shall be retroactive for peace
11 officers from the date of September 11, 2001;
- 12 (f) Complies with all provisions of law applicable to police officers or police
13 departments, including transmission of data to the centralized criminal history
14 record information system as required by KRS 17.150;
- 15 (g) Complies with all rules and regulations, appropriate to the size and location of
16 the police department issued by the cabinet to facilitate the administration of
17 the fund and further the purposes of KRS 15.410 to 15.510;
- 18 (h) Possesses a written policy and procedures manual related to domestic violence
19 for law enforcement agencies that has been approved by the cabinet. The
20 policy shall comply with the provisions of KRS 403.715 to 403.785 **and KRS**
21 **Chapter 456**. The policy shall include a purpose statement; definitions;
22 supervisory responsibilities; procedures for twenty-four (24) hour access to
23 protective orders; procedures for enforcement of court orders or relief when
24 protective orders are violated; procedures for timely and contemporaneous
25 reporting of adult abuse and **child abuse**~~domestic violence~~ to the Cabinet for
26 Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services;
27 **screening and forensic evidence collection in strangulation cases**; victim

1 rights, assistance, and service responsibilities; and duties related to timely
2 completion of records; and

3 (i) Possesses by January 1, 2017, a written policy and procedures manual related
4 to sexual assault examinations that meets the standards provided by, and has
5 been approved by, the cabinet, and which includes:

- 6 1. A requirement that evidence collected as a result of an examination
7 performed under KRS 216B.400 be taken into custody within five (5)
8 days of notice from the collecting facility that the evidence is available
9 for retrieval;
- 10 2. A requirement that evidence received from a collecting facility relating
11 to an incident which occurred outside the jurisdiction of the police
12 department be transmitted to a police department with jurisdiction
13 within ten (10) days of its receipt by the police department;
- 14 3. A requirement that all evidence retrieved from a collecting facility under
15 this paragraph be transmitted to the Department of Kentucky State
16 Police forensic laboratory within thirty (30) days of its receipt by the
17 police department;
- 18 4. A requirement that a suspect standard, if available, be transmitted to the
19 Department of Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory with the
20 evidence received from a collecting facility; and
- 21 5. A process for notifying the victim from whom the evidence was
22 collected of the progress of the testing, whether the testing resulted in a
23 match to other DNA samples, and if the evidence is to be destroyed. The
24 policy may include provisions for delaying notice until a suspect is
25 apprehended or the office of the Commonwealth's attorney consents to
26 the notification, but shall not automatically require the disclosure of the
27 identity of any person to whom the evidence matched.

- 1 (2) A unit of government which meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible to
2 continue sharing in the distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation
3 Program fund only if the police department of the unit of government remains in
4 compliance with the requirements of this section.
- 5 (3) Deputies employed by a sheriff's office shall be eligible to participate in the
6 distribution of funds from the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund
7 regardless of participation by the sheriff.
- 8 (4) Failure to meet a deadline established in a policy adopted pursuant to subsection
9 (1)(i) of this section for the retrieval or submission of evidence shall not be a basis
10 for a dismissal of a criminal action or a bar to the admissibility of the evidence in a
11 criminal action.

12 ➔Section 7. KRS 15.718 is amended to read as follows:

- 13 (1) The Attorney General shall provide initial training courses and, at least once every
14 two (2) years, continuing education courses for Commonwealth's attorneys and
15 county attorneys and their staffs concerning:
- 16 (a) The dynamics of domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, rape,
17 effects of crime on adult and child victims, legal remedies for protection,
18 lethality and risk issues, screening and forensic evidence collection in
19 strangulation cases, profiles of offenders, model protocols for addressing
20 domestic violence, child abuse, rape, available community resources and
21 victims services, and reporting requirements; and
- 22 (b) The appropriate response to victims of human trafficking, including but not
23 limited to screening for victims of human trafficking, federal and state
24 legislation on human trafficking, appropriate services and referrals for victims
25 of human trafficking, working with interpreters, and agency protocol for
26 handling child trafficking cases.
- 27 (2) The training shall be developed in consultation with prosecutors, victims services,

1 victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with an expertise in domestic
2 violence, child abuse, human trafficking, and rape.

3 (3) Each Commonwealth's Attorney, assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, county
4 attorney, and assistant county attorney shall successfully complete the training.

5 ➔Section 8. KRS 21A.170 is amended to read as follows:

6 The Supreme Court shall provide, at least once every two (2) years, in-service training
7 programs for Circuit Judges, District Judges, and domestic relations and trial
8 commissioners in:

9 (1) Child development, the dynamics of physical and sexual abuse, the impact of
10 violence on child development, the treatment of offenders, and related issues;

11 (2) Dynamics of domestic violence, effects of domestic violence on adult and child
12 victims, legal remedies for protection, lethality and risk issues, screening and
13 forensic evidence collection in strangulation cases, model protocols for addressing
14 domestic violence, available community resources and victims services, and
15 reporting requirements; and

16 (3) Dynamics of crimes against the elderly, including but not limited to elder abuse,
17 neglect, and exploitation; the effects of these crimes on the elderly, institutions in
18 which they may reside, and their families; legal remedies for protection; lethality
19 and risk issues; financial implications; model protocols for addressing elder abuse,
20 neglect, and exploitation and other crimes against the elderly; available community
21 resources and victims services; and reporting requirements.

22 Each Circuit Judge, District Judge, and trial and domestic relations commissioner shall
23 successfully complete the training prescribed by the Supreme Court by rule.

24 ➔Section 9. KRS 30A.015 is amended to read as follows:

25 (1) The Administrative Office of the Courts, under the direction of the Supreme Court,
26 shall provide initial training courses and, at least once every two (2) years,
27 continuing education courses for circuit clerks and deputy clerks concerning the

1 dynamics of domestic violence, effects of domestic violence on adult and child
2 victims, legal remedies for protection, lethality and risk issues, screening and
3 forensic evidence collection in strangulation cases, model protocols for addressing
4 domestic violence, available community resources and victims services, and
5 reporting requirements. The training shall be developed in consultation with legal,
6 victims services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with an expertise
7 in domestic violence.

8 (2) Each clerk and deputy clerk shall successfully complete the training prescribed by
9 the Supreme Court by rule.

10 ➔Section 10. KRS 194A.540 is amended to read as follows:

11 The cabinet shall address child abuse, child neglect, domestic violence, rape, and sexual
12 assault in a manner that includes but is not limited to:

13 (1) Providing coordinative functions so that no services funded or provided by state
14 government agencies are duplicative to ensure the greatest efficiency in the use of
15 resources and funding, and to ensure that a consistent philosophy underlies all
16 efforts undertaken by the administration in initiatives related to child abuse, child
17 neglect, domestic violence, and rape or sexual assault;

18 (2) Providing training and consultation to programs provided or funded by the state
19 which provide services to victims of child abuse, child neglect, domestic violence,
20 rape or sexual assault, and other crimes;

21 (3) Working in conjunction with staff from the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and
22 other staff within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and with input from
23 direct service providers throughout Kentucky, to develop standards of care for
24 victim and offender services provided or funded by the state;

25 (4) Designing and implementing research programs which attend to the quality of
26 victim-related services;

27 (5) Providing consultation on the development of budgets for the rape crisis, child

- 1 abuse, child neglect, and domestic violence programs funded by the state;
- 2 (6) Providing recommendations to the Governor and to the secretaries of the Justice and
3 Public Safety Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, related to the
4 improvement and expansion of victim services provided or funded by those
5 agencies;
- 6 (7) Undertaking new and progressive initiatives to improve and enhance the delivery of
7 services to victims of child abuse, child neglect, domestic violence, and rape or
8 sexual assault;
- 9 (8) Establishing that the commissioner of the Department for Community Based
10 Services may, at the request of the Governor or any secretary, serve as a designee on
11 boards, commissions, task forces, or other committees addressing child abuse,
12 domestic violence, and rape or sexual assault;
- 13 (9) Establishing that the secretary for health and family services shall, in consultation
14 with the applicable licensure boards, develop elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation-
15 related and domestic violence-related training courses that are appropriate for the
16 following professions:
- 17 (a) Mental health professionals licensed or certified under KRS Chapters 309,
18 319, and 335;
- 19 (b) Alcohol and drug counselors licensed or certified under KRS Chapter 309,
20 and alcohol and drug peer support specialists registered under KRS Chapter
21 309;
- 22 (c) Physicians who practice primary care, as defined in KRS 164.925, or who
23 meet the definition of a psychiatrist under KRS 202A.011, and who are
24 licensed under KRS Chapter 311;
- 25 (d) Nurses licensed under KRS Chapter 314;
- 26 (e) Paramedics certified under KRS Chapter 311;
- 27 (f) Emergency medical technicians certified under KRS Chapter 211; and

1 (g) Coroners as defined in KRS 72.405 and medical examiners as defined in KRS
2 72.240;

3 (10) Establishing that the courses identified in subsection (9) of this section shall include
4 the dynamics of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation;
5 effects of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation on adult and
6 child victims; legal remedies for protection; lethality and risk issues, **including**
7 **screening and forensic evidence collection in strangulation cases**; model
8 protocols for addressing domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and
9 exploitation; available community resources and victim services; and reporting
10 requirements. The training shall be developed in consultation with legal, victim
11 services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with an expertise in
12 domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

13 (11) Establishing that any health-care or mental health professional identified in
14 subsection (9) of this section shall successfully complete a three (3) hour training
15 course that meets the requirements of subsection (10) of this section. Health care or
16 mental health professionals identified in subsection (9) of this section who are
17 granted licensure or certification after July 15, 1996, shall successfully complete the
18 training within three (3) years of the date of initial licensure or certification.

19 ➔Section 11. KRS 194A.545 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) The secretary for health and family services shall develop an initial training course
21 and continuing education courses for employees of the Department for Community
22 Based Services concerning the dynamics of domestic violence and elder abuse,
23 neglect, and exploitation; effects of domestic violence and elder abuse, neglect, and
24 exploitation on adult and child victims; legal remedies for protection; lethality and
25 risk issues, **including screening and forensic evidence collection in strangulation**
26 **cases**; model protocols for addressing domestic violence; available community
27 resources and victim services; and reporting requirements. The training shall be

1 developed in consultation with legal, victim services, victim advocacy, and mental
2 health professionals with an expertise in domestic violence.

3 (2) Each person employed by the Department for Community Based Services who
4 provides supervisory or direct service at the local, district, or state level shall
5 successfully complete the initial training course and, at least once every two (2)
6 years, the continuing education course developed under subsection (1) of this
7 section.

8 (3) The secretary is encouraged to include an educational component covering the
9 recognition and prevention of pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS
10 620.020, as part of the initial training and continuing education for Department for
11 Community Based Services front-line child protection staff.

12 ➔Section 12. KRS 194A.550 is amended to read as follows:

13 (1) The secretary for health and family services shall promulgate administrative
14 regulations under KRS Chapter 13A setting forth the requirements for initial
15 training courses and continuing education courses for staff of agencies providing
16 protective shelter services for victims of domestic violence. The components of the
17 training shall include the dynamics of domestic violence, effects of domestic
18 violence on adult and child victims, legal remedies for protection, lethality and risk
19 issues, screening and forensic evidence collection for strangulation, model
20 protocols for addressing domestic violence, available community resources and
21 victims services, and reporting requirements. The training shall be developed in
22 consultation with legal, victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health
23 professionals with an expertise in domestic violence.

24 (2) Each agency providing protective shelter services for victims of domestic violence
25 shall develop and provide initial training courses and, at least once every two (2)
26 years, continuing education courses which comply with the requirements developed
27 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, for staff of the agency.