

## BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU AND GRAPPLING TRAINING FOR CERTAIN MCOLES-CERTIFIED OFFICERS

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**House Bill 4525 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Ryan Berman**  
**Committee: Military, Veterans and Homeland Security**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4525 would amend the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Act to require grappling training and Brazilian jiu-jitsu certification for certain individuals licensed under the act.

Specifically, the bill would amend section 9e of the act to add additional training requirements for individuals licensed or seeking licensure under section 9, 9b, 9c, or 9d. Section 9 applies to all law enforcement officers, except those subject to section 9a (sheriffs), section 9b (tribal law enforcement officers), section 9c (fire arson investigators who meet certain criteria), and section 9d (private college security officers who meet certain criteria).

Beginning January 1, 2023, the bill would require individuals seeking licensure under section 9, 9b, 9c, or 9d to either have the rank of blue belt or higher in Brazilian jiu-jitsu from a *certified instructor* or have a *certificate of equivalent training*. An individual who is already licensed under those sections on January 1, 2023, would have to obtain the same certifications no later than January 1, 2025.

Additionally, beginning January 1, 2025, a law enforcement officer would have to complete at least four hours of *grappling training* each year.

*Certified instructor* would mean an individual who has one or more of the following:

- The rank of black belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.
- Certification as an instructor from the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation or an equivalent organization, as determined by MCOLES.
- At least 20 years of experience as a grappling instructor.

*Certificate of equivalent training* would mean a document signed by a certified instructor that signifies that the named individual has received significant unarmed combat grappling training, including any of the following:

- Two years of high school varsity wrestling experience or five years of other wrestling experience.
- Two or more mixed martial arts fights as a licensed professional mixed martial arts fighter.
- The rank of brown belt in judo.

*Grappling training* would mean training in hand-to-hand combat that is used at close range to gain a physical advantage over an opponent.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4525 would have indeterminate but significant cost implications for the Department of State Police (MSP), other police agencies, and police officers. The most significant costs associated with the bill would be the direct costs for the training, which would be incurred by officers and police agencies. Liability for the training costs would depend on a variety of factors and would need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Whether the training would necessitate overtime pay for officers is also indeterminate, but could significantly affect the cost estimate for the training. MSP also indicated that an increase in injuries and workers' compensation costs could result from the bill.

Preliminary estimates for costs likely to be incurred by MCOLES include expenditures for two FTE positions, one to certify instructors and monitor instruction and another to monitor reporting and tracking of certification and continuing education compliance. MSP currently estimates that annual costs for these positions would total \$300,000. The department also anticipates that \$100,000 would be required for information technology upgrades to the MCOLES Information and Tracking Network (MITN), so that the system could be used for reporting related to the training required under the bill.

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