

**MEETING DATE:** August 13, 2020 **AGENDA ITEM:** B

**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Standards for Training in Corrections (STC): Carotid Hold Training Certification Prohibition: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a policy change to the Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) program that would prohibit certification of carotid hold training. The change would comply with the Governor's recent criminal justice reforms and would make permanent the BSCC's temporary suspension of training that went into effect June 10, 2020.

### Background

The Standards and Training for Corrections Division within the BSCC establishes minimum selection and training standards for correctional staff and probation officers and monitors compliance with those standards. (Pen. Code, § 6035.) In the wake of the death of George Floyd and the resulting nationwide demonstrations, on June 5, 2020, Governor Newsom announced new policing and criminal justice reforms. Those reforms included an order that the carotid hold be removed from state police training programs and state training materials. (Attachment B-1). The Governor also committed to working with the Legislature on a statewide ban that would apply to all police forces across the state.<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with the Governor's directive, Chair Penner issued a memo to the field on June 10, 2020, notifying agencies of the suspension of the certification of all courses that included carotid control hold training, and prohibiting the delivery of carotid control hold training under a STC certification. (Attachment B-2). As a result, 72 courses that included carotid hold training were suspended.

This Board item seeks board approval to permanently revoke course certification for the courses that have already been suspended and prohibit future certifications of courses. The Board may revoke course certifications whenever: (1) There is no longer a demonstrated need for the course; (2) Evaluation indicates that an acceptable quality of instruction is not being provided; or (3) There is failure to comply with the criteria set forth in these regulations. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 233.)

### Recommendation/Action Needed

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<sup>1</sup> Assembly Bill 1196 (Gipson) is pending hearing in the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

Staff recommends the Board:

- (1) Permanently revoke certification of the courses that have been suspended;
- (2) Prohibit the certification of courses that include carotid hold training;
- (3) Require staff to conform STC's policy manuals for agencies and training providers include language to indicating that carotid hold training cannot be included in certified courses.

### **Attachments**

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B-1: Governor Announcement Regarding Carotid Hold Training

B-2: BSCC Memo to Field Regarding Carotid Hold Training Suspension