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Amendment: A new subtitle is added to read as follows:

SUBTITLE __. LIMITATION ON TRAINING FOR MPD

Sec. 112. Officers and officials of the Metropolitan Police Department shall not participate in training, including any by international exchange, that is:

(a) Conducted by a facility or body that practices invidious discrimination; or

(b) Military in nature or conducted by military or intelligence forces or personnel.

Rationale: This amendment would prohibit MPD from participating in training that is conducted by an organization or agency that practices invidious discrimination or training that is military in nature or conducted by military or intelligence forces. This includes any training in or with another country. The role of the police should be distinct from that of the military, and scholars have noted how the
militarization of the police over the last decades has contributed to increased police violence and misconduct. After the police use of military-style tactics to violently respond to protests against police violence, in D.C. and around the country, the community is demanding that D.C. demilitarize police. This is one step toward that goal.