
**Public Safety & Emergency
Preparedness Committee**

HB 1609

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to core training requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Lovick, Pearson and Strow; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires all corrections officers that are transferred or promoted to a supervisory or managerial position to complete the core supervisory training within the first six months of entry into the position.

Hearing Date: 2/7/07

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides basic corrections training, law enforcement training, and educational programs for criminal justice personnel, including commissioned officers, corrections officers, fire marshals, and prosecuting attorneys.

Basic law enforcement officer training is generally required of all law enforcement officers, with the exception of volunteers, and reserve officers employed in Washington. The training consists of a 720-hour program covering a wide variety of subjects including: constitutional and criminal law and procedures, criminal investigation, firearms training, and communication and writing skills. All law enforcement personnel hired, transferred, or promoted, are required to complete the core training requirements within six months unless the employee receives a waiver from the CJTC.

Basic corrections officer training is generally required of all corrections officers. The training consists of a 160-hour program covering a wide variety of subjects, including proper use of: physical force; security management; interpersonal communication; supervision, discipline,

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inmate manipulation; inmate mental health problems; booking and intake; fingerprinting; constitutional and criminal law; gangs; hostage survival; critical incident survival; and report writing. All corrections personnel hired, transferred, or promoted to a supervisory position, are required to complete the core training requirements within the first six months unless waived by the CJTC.

Generally, the CJTC provides the all necessary training facilities, supplies, and materials necessary for the training as well as room and board for those non-commuting attendees.

Summary of Bill:

Corrections personnel that are transferred or promoted to a supervisory or managerial position are required to complete the core supervisory training within the first six months of entry into the position. Within one year, after completing the supervisory training, corrections personnel must complete all remaining requirements for career level certification.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.