

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1067

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to the commissioning and training of railroad police.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Ballasiotes, Delvin, Lovick and Haigh; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission.

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The Governor has the responsibility of appointing and commissioning railroad police officers. Once appointed and commissioned, regulations provide that the officers must either complete a course of training prescribed by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) or complete an alternative training program. The railroad corporation is not required to pay for the cost of training the officers.

Railroad police officers are required to wear a metal shield in plain view while on duty.

Summary:

The responsibility of commissioning and training railroad police is transferred from the Governor to the CJTC.

A railroad police officer is required to complete a course of training prescribed or approved by the CJTC. The corporation requesting the appointment of a railroad police officer must pay for the full cost of training.

While on duty, a railroad police officer may either wear a badge in plain view or carry official credentials and present them when requested.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 92 0

Senate 48 0

Effective: July 22, 2001

