
SENATE BILL 5944

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By Senators Bailey, Van De Wege, Wilson, L., Becker, Warnick, Hunt, Honeyford, and Wagoner

1 AN ACT Relating to the timeline for commencing basic law
2 enforcement training; and amending RCW 43.101.200.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.101.200 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 973 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) All law enforcement personnel, except volunteers, and reserve
7 officers whether paid or unpaid, initially employed on or after
8 January 1, 1978, shall engage in basic law enforcement training which
9 complies with standards adopted by the commission pursuant to RCW
10 43.101.080. For personnel initially employed before January 1, 1990,
11 such training shall be successfully completed during the first
12 fifteen months of employment of such personnel unless otherwise
13 extended or waived by the commission and shall be requisite to the
14 continuation of such employment. Personnel initially employed on or
15 after January 1, 1990, shall commence basic training during the first
16 (~~six~~) two months of employment unless the basic training
17 requirement is otherwise waived or extended by the commission.
18 Successful completion of basic training is requisite to the
19 continuation of employment of such personnel initially employed on or
20 after January 1, 1990.

1 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the commission
2 shall provide the aforementioned training together with necessary
3 facilities, supplies, materials, and the board and room of
4 noncommuting attendees for seven days per week, except during the
5 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia when the employing, county,
6 city, or state law enforcement agency shall reimburse the commission
7 for twenty-five percent of the cost of training its personnel.
8 Additionally, to the extent funds are provided for this purpose, the
9 commission shall reimburse to participating law enforcement agencies
10 with ten or less full-time commissioned patrol officers the cost of
11 temporary replacement of each officer who is enrolled in basic law
12 enforcement training: PROVIDED, That such reimbursement shall include
13 only the actual cost of temporary replacement not to exceed the total
14 amount of salary and benefits received by the replaced officer during
15 his or her training period.

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