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## Public Safety Committee

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### HB 1253

**Brief Description:** Concerning the timeline for commencing basic law enforcement training.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Kloba, Irwin, Goodman, Klippert, Lovick, Kilduff, Ryu, Walen, Stanford, Appleton and Pellicciotti.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires newly hired law enforcement personnel to commence Basic Law Enforcement Academy training within two months of employment, rather than within six months.

**Hearing Date:** 1/21/19

**Staff:** Omeara Harrington (786-7136).

#### Background:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides basic law enforcement training and educational programs for law enforcement, corrections officers, and other public safety professionals in Washington.

Basic law enforcement officer training is required of all law enforcement personnel, with the exception of volunteers and reserve officers. The Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) consists of a 720-hour program covering a wide variety of subjects including: criminal law and procedures, traffic enforcement, cultural awareness, communication and writing skills, emergency vehicle operations, firearms, crisis intervention, patrol procedures, criminal investigation, and defensive tactics.

All newly hired law enforcement personnel are required to commence the BLEA within six months of employment, unless the CJTC waives or extends the requirement.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** January 18, 2019

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