

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6242

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As of January 23, 2024

**Title:** An act relating to law enforcement training.

**Brief Description:** Concerning law enforcement training.

**Sponsors:** Senators Mullet and Lovick.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 1/22/24.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Removes the requirement that law enforcement agencies reimburse the Criminal Justice Training Commission for 25 percent of the costs of training.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Staff:** Sarian Scott (786-7729)

**Background:** Criminal Justice Training Commission. The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) establishes the standards and process to certify peace officers and other law enforcement (LE) personnel. It also provides training and educational programs including the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and specialized trainings.

Law Enforcement Training. The CJTC has sole authority to provide basic law enforcement training to all peace officers. All peace officers must complete basic law enforcement training within a certain time period following employment, ranging from 6 to 15 months. Successful completion of training is a mandatory requirement for continued employment.

Since 2012 the employing county, city and state employed LE agency has been required to reimburse CJTC for 25 percent of the cost of training its personnel.

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Law Enforcement Personnel and Peace Officers. LE personnel include any general authority peace officers. A general authority peace officer is a full-time officer of a state or local government or agency whose primary function is enforcing the traffic or criminal laws. The Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife are general authority peace officers. For CJTC purposes a peace officer has the same meaning as a general authority peace officer.

**Summary of Bill:** Beginning July 1, 2024, county, city, or state LE agencies are not required to reimburse the CJTC for 25 percent of the cost of training their personnel.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on 07/01/2024.