

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY, No. 2276

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2276., with committee amendments

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2276 requires the Police Training Commission (PTC) to establish basic training requirements and approve and authorize schools to provide training to auxiliary police officers. In addition, the bill awards auxiliary police officers additional service credits of three to 10 points on their passing examination score. Auxiliary police officers are volunteers who are trained to assist law enforcement officers and perform certain functions, such as crowd and traffic control or uniformed foot patrol.

Under the bill, auxiliary police officers are required to receive training to successfully complete basic training requirements established by the PTC. An auxiliary police officer would be entitled to continue to serve in that capacity provided he or she satisfies the requirements within six months after the bill takes effect.

The bill requires civil service counties and municipalities to award an additional three to 10 rating points to qualified auxiliary police officers who had served in the county or municipality at least two years prior to their appointment.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments make a technical correction.