

ASSEMBLY, No. 4392

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires law enforcement officers and recruits to undergo self-defense training; appropriates \$250,000 to Police Training Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/25/2021)

1 **AN ACT** concerning law enforcement training and supplementing
2 Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. As used in this act:

8 "Approved school" means a school approved and authorized by
9 the Police Training Commission to give police training courses.

10 "Basic course" means an entry-level police training course
11 designed for law enforcement officer recruits at an approved school.

12 "Basic training" means a full schedule of law enforcement courses
13 administered at an approved school.

14 b. Every law enforcement officer recruit for a State, county, and
15 municipal law enforcement agency shall undergo a basic course of
16 self-defense training established by the Police Training Commission
17 at an approved school. The basic course shall include one and one-
18 half hours of instruction conducted three times per week while the
19 law enforcement officer recruit is enrolled in basic training and a
20 final, 40 hour self-defense course administered at the end of basic
21 training.

22 c. Every law enforcement officer for a State, county, and
23 municipal law enforcement agency shall annually undergo 48 hours
24 of in-service self-defense training established by the Police Training
25 Commission. The time expended on in-service training established
26 pursuant to this section shall not be included in a law enforcement
27 officer's overtime compensation. The instructor providing in-service
28 training shall meet the same training requirements established for
29 recruits pursuant to subsection b. of this section.

30 d. The Police Training Commission shall adopt rules and
31 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
32 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of
33 this act.

34 e. There shall be appropriated \$250,000 to the Police Training
35 Commission for the purpose of establishing the basic course and in-
36 service training course pursuant to this section.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month
39 following the date of enactment.

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42 **STATEMENT**

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44 This bill requires the Police Training Commission in the
45 Department of Law and Public Safety to establish a self-defense
46 training course for law enforcement officer recruits and an in-service
47 self-defense course for law enforcement officers.

1 Under the bill, the basic course for law enforcement officer
2 recruits would include one and one-half hours of instruction
3 conducted three times per week while the law enforcement officer
4 recruit is enrolled in basic training and a final, 40 hour self-defense
5 course at the end of basic training. In addition, a law enforcement
6 officer for a State, county, or municipal law enforcement department
7 is required to annually undergo 48 hours of in-service self-defense
8 training. The instructor providing in-service training are required to
9 meet the same training requirements established for law enforcement
10 officer recruits under the bill. The time expended on in-service
11 training would not be included in a law enforcement officer's
12 overtime compensation.

13 The bill appropriates \$250,000 to the Police Training Commission
14 for the purpose of establishing the self-defense basic course and in-
15 service training course.