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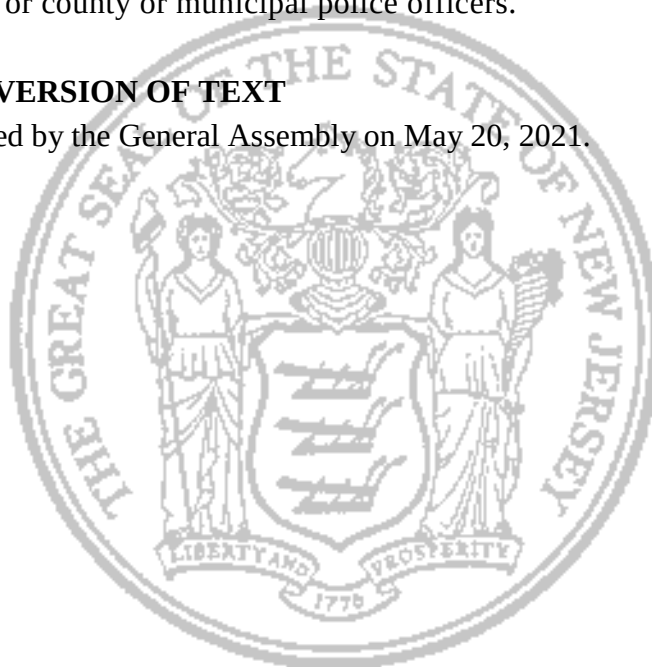
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SYNOPSIS

Revises modified basic training program for certain county correctional police officers to be certified as county prosecutor's detectives or investigators or county or municipal police officers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on May 20, 2021.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning the modified basic training program for county
2 ¹**corrections** correctional police¹ officers and ¹**amending**
3 P.L.2019, c.247 **supplementing Title 52 of the Revised**
4 Statutes¹.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 ¹**1.** Section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2) is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 1. a. The Police Training Commission in the Division of
12 Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety shall
13 develop a supplemental course to be known as the modified basic
14 training program for county corrections officers. The program shall
15 provide the additional training necessary to allow an eligible county
16 corrections officer to be certified as a county sheriff's officer,
17 detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office, or county
18 or municipal police officer. The Police Training Commission shall
19 develop the program within 180 days of the effective date of [this
20 act] P.L.2019, c.247 and shall revise the program within 30 days
21 of the effective date of P.L. , c. (now pending before the
22 Legislature as this bill).

23 b. A county corrections officer is eligible for the modified
24 basic training program if the officer has:

25 (1) previously completed a basic training course administered
26 by the Police Training Commission pursuant to P.L.1961, c.56
27 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.);

28 (2) been designated by the county sheriff as eligible to transition
29 into the position of sheriff's officer or by the chief executive officer
30 of the county or municipality, as appropriate, as eligible to
31 transition into the position of detective or investigator in the county
32 prosecutor's office, or county or municipal police officer based on
33 the officer's law enforcement examination test score and seniority;

34 (3) served in the county correction's officer title for a minimum
35 of [36] 12 months in the facility under the jurisdiction of the county
36 sheriff or the chief executive officer of the county, whichever is
37 applicable; and

38 (4) a criminal history record background check of the officer has
39 been conducted by the appointing authority and the officer has not
40 been deemed ineligible to transition to the position of sheriff's
41 officer, detective or investigator in the county prosecutor's office,
42 or county or municipal police officer on the basis of any conviction
43 disclosed by the background check.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted May 20, 2021.

1 c. The modified basic training program shall, at a minimum,
2 provide comprehensive and consistent training in law enforcement
3 practices and concepts. Each course instructor shall be proficient
4 and experienced in law enforcement practices and concepts.

5 d. The modified basic training program shall be offered at an
6 academy approved by the Police Training Commission to provide
7 police training courses pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1961, c.56
8 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.).

9 e. The waiver rule set forth in N.J.A.C.13:1-8.4 authorizing the
10 Police Training Commission to waive all or part of a basic training
11 course shall apply to an eligible county corrections officer taking
12 the modified basic training program developed pursuant to
13 subsection a. of this section.

14 f. A county corrections officer who successfully completes the
15 modified basic training program shall be eligible for a lateral
16 transfer to the position of sheriff's officer, detective or investigator
17 in the county prosecutor's office, or county or municipal police
18 officer in [the] any county or municipality, as applicable, in [which
19 the officer serves] the State. An officer eligible for a lateral transfer
20 shall not be denied a transfer to an available position without cause.

21 g. The Civil Service Commission shall adopt rules and
22 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
23 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions
24 of this section.

25 (cf: P.L.2019, c.247, s.1)]¹

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27 ¹1. a. The Police Training Commission shall revise the
28 modified basic training program for county correctional police
29 officers established in section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2)
30 to provide the additional training necessary for an eligible county
31 correctional police officer to be certified as detective or investigator
32 in the county prosecutor's office or a county or municipal police
33 officer.

34 b. The commission shall complete the revisions to the modified
35 basic training program no later than 60 days following the effective
36 date of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature as this
37 bill).

38 c. A county correctional police officer is eligible for the
39 revised modified basic training program established in subsection a.
40 of this section if:

41 (1) the officer served in a county correctional facility that closed
42 in calendar year 2021;

43 (2) the officer served in the county correctional police officer
44 title for a minimum of 12 months in the facility under the
45 jurisdiction of the county sheriff or the chief executive officer of the
46 county, whichever is applicable;

1 (3) the officer previously completed a basic training course
2 administered by the Police Training Commission pursuant to
3 P.L.1961, c.56 (C.52:17B-66 et seq.);

4 (4) the officer has been designated by the county sheriff as
5 eligible to transition into the position of sheriff's officer or by the
6 chief executive officer of the county or municipality, as appropriate,
7 as eligible to transition into the position of detective or investigator
8 in the county prosecutor's office or county or municipal police
9 officer based on the officer's law enforcement examination test
10 score and seniority; and

11 (5) a criminal history record background check of the officer has
12 been conducted by the appointing authority and the officer has not
13 been deemed ineligible to transition to the position of detective or
14 investigator in the county prosecutor's office or county or
15 municipal police officer on the basis of any conviction disclosed by
16 the background check.

17 d. The waiver rule set forth in N.J.A.C.13:1-8.4 authorizing the
18 Police Training Commission to waive all or part of a basic training
19 course shall apply to an eligible county correctional police officer
20 taking the revised modified basic training pursuant to subsection a.
21 of this section.

22 e. An eligible county correctional police officer who
23 successfully completes the modified basic training established
24 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2019, c.247 (C.52:17B-68.2) shall be
25 eligible for a lateral transfer to a position as sheriff's officer in any
26 county in the State and an eligible officer who successfully
27 completes the revised modified basic training established pursuant
28 to subsection a. of this section shall be eligible for a title change or
29 transfer, as appropriate, to the position of detective or investigator
30 in the county prosecutor's office or county or municipal police
31 officer in any county or municipality, as applicable, in the State.
32 An officer eligible for a title change or transfer pursuant to the
33 provisions of this section shall not be denied a title change or
34 transfer to an available position without good cause.

35 f. The Civil Service Commission may adopt rules and
36 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
37 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions
38 of this section.¹

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.